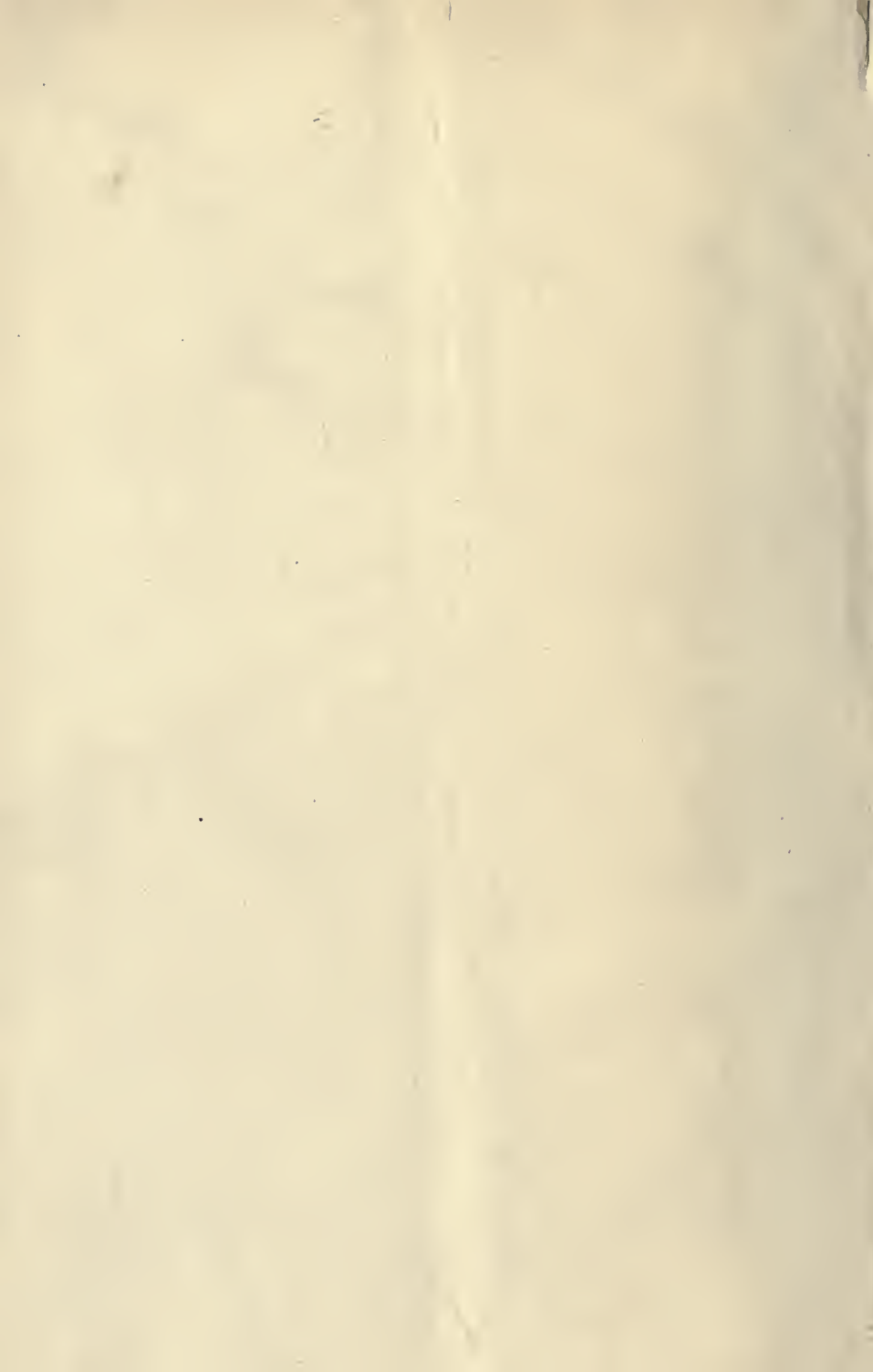


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RICHARD II.

Q1, 1597 (DEVONSHIRE COPY).

TWO Facsimiles of Q1 are included in this series of Shakespeare Quartos: one, issued in 1888, made from the copy in the possession of Mr. Henry Huth; the other, now given, made from the copy belonging to his Grace, the Duke of Devonshire. For the texts of both, with their marginal markings, the Revd. W. A. Harrison is solely responsible: this part of the work was done long before it was placed in my hands. Mr. Harrison began his work with the Duke of Devonshire's copy and presently discovered that it differed in many places, and generally for the better, from the readings of Q1 recorded in the foot-notes of the Cambridge Shakespeare, which were derived from the copy of Q1 in the Capell collection. This led him to examine the text of Mr. Huth's copy, and he found that that also varied in places from both the Devonshire and Capell copies, and possessed a few corrections found in neither. Under these circumstances, and as even a single correction of the text in so important an edition as Q1 has its value, it was thought well to add Mr. Huth's copy to this series: this by his liberal permission has been done, and, as stated above, the facsimile made from it was issued in 1888, with a brief prefatory notice by Mr. Harrison, reserving his general Introduction to the Play for the facsimile of the more important Devonshire Q1 now given. Ill health, however, and the pressure of other duties have denied him the leisure needed for this task, and by his desire and at Dr. Furnivall's request I have undertaken to supply his place. Before proceeding with the general consideration of the Play it may be as well to set before the reader the result of Mr. Harrison's discoveries, and I have accordingly made out a complete list of the variations of the Devonshire, the Huth and the Capell copies of Q1, arranging them, as in the somewhat similar case of the *Lear* Q1, in columns shewing the state of each sheet in all three copies. They are as follows:—

UNCORRECTED SHEET.	CORRECTED SHEET.	REMARKS.
Signature A.		With the exceptions noted below the other Qos. and Fos. follow the corrected sheet.
Devonshire and Capell.	Huth.	
I. i. 139. <i>Ah but ere</i>	<i>But ere</i>	<i>Ah but ere</i> Q2. <i>Ah, but ere</i> Q3, 4.
Signature B.		
Huth and Capell.	Devonshire.	
I. ii. 42. <i>Where then</i>	<i>Where then alas may I</i>	
„ 48. <i>butchers Mow-</i>	<i>butcher Mowbraies</i>	
„ 59. <i>emptines, hol-</i>	<i>emptie hollownes</i>	
„ 70. <i>what cheere</i>	<i>what heare there</i>	
I. iii. 108. <i>traitor to God</i>	<i>traitor to his God</i>	
„ 128. <i>cruell wounds</i>	<i>ciuill wounds</i>	
„ 131. <i>riuall hating</i>	<i>riuall-hating</i>	} The passage not in } Ff. Q5
„ 133. <i>Draw the sweet</i>	<i>Drawes the sweet</i>	
„ 136. <i>harsh resound-</i>	<i>wrathfull yron armes</i>	
„ 167. <i>portculist</i>	<i>portcullist</i>	<i>perculist</i> Q3, 4, F1, 2, 3. <i>purculist</i> Q5. <i>per-</i> <i>cullis'd</i> F4.
Signature C.		
Capell.	Devonshire and Huth.	
I. iii. 241. <i>ought</i>	<i>sought</i>	<i>ought</i> Q2. Not in Ff. Q5.
I. iv. 27. <i>With reuerence</i>	<i>What reuerence.</i>	<i>With rsuerence</i> Q2. 3, 4.
Signature D.		
Devonshire and Capell.	Huth.	
II. i. 156. <i>kerne</i>	<i>kernes</i>	<i>kerne</i> Q2.
Signature I.		
Huth.	Devonshire and Capell.	
V. ii. 108. <i>as any man</i>	<i>as a man</i>	
„ 109. <i>or a of</i>	<i>or any of</i>	<i>nor any of</i> Ff. Q5.
V. iii. 126. <i>this piteous</i>	<i>thy piteous heart</i>	
	<i>heart</i>	

Signatures E, F, G, H, and K appear to be in the same state in all three copies.

It will be seen from this list that, while no absolutely new reading has been discovered, the authority of the first edition has been obtained for several which were in dispute :

it is this which constitutes the importance of Mr. Harrison's discoveries; for "authority," as no editor needs to be reminded, is a potent factor where the recension of Shakespeare's text is concerned, and has sometimes played most fantastic tricks with it: obviously preferable readings receiving but scant courtesy where "authority" has barred the way. Editors, however, are not to blame if they are chiefly guided by it; they do but their duty in defending their texts against the assaults of irresponsible freelances who indulge in "Notes and Conjectural Emendations"; yet sometimes one feels that a little judicious boldness would have been advisable, and that the ingenuity displayed in establishing an error on "authority" would have been better employed on the other side.

In the present case there is something quite pathetic in the contemplation of the endeavours which have been made to justify some of the readings which appear in the "Uncorrected" column of the above list; the supreme authority for their correction having remained till now unknown. Listen to Malone contending for "cheere" in Act I. Scene ii, ll. 67-70:—

"Alack, and what shall good old York there see,
But empty lodgings and unfurnish'd walls,
Unpeopled *offices*, untrodden stones?
And what *cheer* there for welcome, but my groans?]

Thus the first quarto, 1597; in those of 1598 and 1608, and in the folio which appears to have been printed from the last mentioned quarto,* *hear* was substituted in the fourth line for *cheer*; an alteration which was adopted in all the subsequent copies, till the true reading was noticed in the Appendix to my former edition.

This passage furnishes an evident proof of the value of first editions, and also shows at how very early a period the revisers of Shakespeare's pieces began to tamper with his text, under the notion of improving it, or of correcting imaginary errors of the press; of which kind of temerity the edition of his *Lucrece* in 1616 is a very remarkable instance.

Groans occurring in this passage, the reviser conceived that the word in the former part of the line where it is found, must have been *hear*, which gives a clear and plausible meaning; but certainly not that intended by Shakespeare.

Mr. Steevens has rightly interpreted, in a preceding note, the words—*unfurnish'd walls*; but neither he nor any other editor has taken any notice of the word *offices* in this passage, which requires to be particularly explained, because it is immediately connected with the word *cheer*, and shows that the original reading [*cheere*] is the true one.

* An error; the folio being printed with the aid of the quarto of 1615, (Q4), which also has "heare."

[Malone then goes on to prove at some length, and somewhat unnecessarily, that the *offices* of our old English mansions were the larder, cellar, pantry, kitchen, etc., in which the provisions of meat and drink were stored and prepared for the guests and inmates of the house ; this done he proceeds as follows.]

"The Duchess of Gloster, therefore, laments, that in consequence of the murder of her husband, all the hospitality of plenty is at an end ; the walls are unfurnished, the lodging rooms empty, the courts untrodden, and the *offices* unpeopled ; being now no longer filled by the proper officers, who attended daily to execute their several functions in her husband's lifetime. All now (she adds) is solitude and silence, and my groans are the only *cheer* that my guests can now expect."

Malone's advocacy of *cheer* has caused it to be adopted in numerous printers' editions founded on his ; but I do not think many responsible editors have followed his lead in this matter ; for, as the Cambridge Editors remark,—“ notwithstanding the paramount authority of the first Quarto the antithesis between *there see*, line 67, and *hear there*, is too marked to admit of a doubt that the reading of the second [quarto] is to be preferred in this place.”

Of course the Cambridge Editors when they wrote this were not aware that the correction *hear* for *cheer* was to be found in some copies of Q1 itself ; nor is it to be supposed that Malone himself would have adopted *cheer* had he known of the correction.

Some others of the uncorrected readings have been argued for ; but the above instance will suffice to show the “awful rule” and, sometimes not altogether “right supremacy” of authority, or supposed authority, in the matter of Shakespeare's text.

The first mention we have of *Richard II* is in the entry in the Stationers' Register, 29 Augt. 1597 (Arber's Transcript III. 89.) :—

ANDREW WISE. | Entred for his Copie by appoynt-
ment from master Warden MAN | *The Tragedye of*
RICHARD the SECOND - - - - vjd

It was published this same year with the following title-page :—

THE | Tragedie of King Ri- | chard the se- | cond. |
As it hath beene publikely acted | by the right

*Honourable the | Lorde Chamberlaine his Ser- |
uants. |* [Printer's or publisher's device. See Title
of Facsimile.] | LONDON | Printed by Valentine
Simmes for Androw Wise, and | are to be sold at
his shop in Paules church yard at | the signe of the
Angel. | 1597.

This is the Q1 of the Cambridge editors. It is noticeable that notwithstanding the corrections made in this edition during its passage through the press, *Androw Wise* remains *Androw Wise* on the title-pages of all known copies.

A second edition (Q2), with Shakespeare's name on the title-page, was published by Wise in the following year:—

THE | Tragedie of King Ri- | chard the second. | As
it hath beene publikely acted by the Right
Ho- | nourable the Lord Chamberlaine his | ser-
uants. | By William Shake-speare. | [Same device as
on Title of Q1] | LONDON | Printed by Valentine
Simmes for Androw Wise, and | are to be sold at his
shop in Paules churchyard at | the sign of the
Angel. | 1598.

This second edition is a mere reprint of the first; it contains a few trifling corrections of that text, but also—as usual with reprints—a large addition of errors. By the time the Printer had arrived at Act III. Sc. iv. he had apparently resolved to economise space and to effect this from this point he has run the dialogue of all the scenes together; putting into the side margins the entries and stage directions which alone mark the division of the Scenes in Q1: he has thus managed to get the whole of his text within the limits of signature I. In Q1 it extends to signature K2 *recto*.

It may also here be mentioned that, as was often the practice, corrections were made during the printing of the work, and copies are therefore found to vary. The Cambridge Editors, who depended on the copy in the Capell collection, note that Q2 omits *it* in V. iii. 55—"I tore *it* from the traitors bosome (king,)" ; that in V. v. the line 57—"Which is the bell; so sighs, and teares and grones,"—is repeated, at the top of the next page, and that in l. 68 of the same scene *grotes* [groats] is printed *gortes*. These errors are corrected in the copy in the British Museum, C. 34. k. 42.

In this year, 1598, Meres's *Palladis Tamia* appeared: *Richard II* is one of the twelve plays attributed to Shakespeare by Meres.

From this time to the end of Queen Elizabeth's reign the history of the Play, so far as any publication is concerned, is a blank. Speculation however is rife with it in connection with Essex's outbreak, 8th Feby., 1601. A play representing the deposition and murder of *Richard II*, an old play, was, on the eve of that outbreak, acted at the Globe Theatre, by the express desire of some of the conspirators. The place; the manager, Augustine Phillips; the description of the play itself, all point to Shakespeare's Play; no other play at all fulfilling these conditions is known: yet if, as was argued at the trial, the object of the performance was to inflame the conspirators against the Queen, and encourage them in their rebellion against her authority, it is difficult to conceive a more inappropriate selection; for undoubtedly the main effect, whether intentional or not, of Shakespeare's play is to create sympathy with the royal victim. We have thus in connection with this play an interesting tho' an obscure page of history; not the less interesting perhaps because of its obscurity. I am not able to help towards its elucidation; it is, moreover, beside the object of this Introduction which is concerned only with the text of the play, not one syllable of which would be affected if the whole secret history of the time were laid bare before us. I return, then, to my account of the quarto editions.

The Queen died 24 March, 1603: on the 25 June following, Wise, who appears to have retired from business about this time, transferred his right in *Richard II* to Mathew Law, as is shewn in the following entry in the Stationers' Register (Arber's Transcript III. 239):—

25 Junii [1603]

MATHEW LAWE Entred for his copies in full courte
Holden this Day. These ffyve copies folowinge

- - - - - viz - - - - - ijs vjd

iiij enterludes or playes

The ffirst is of RICHARD *the. 3.*

The second of RICHARD *the. 2.*

The Third of HENRY *the. 4 the first part.* all
kinges.

Item master Doctor PLA[Y]FORDes sermons
Item a thing. of .no man can be hurt but by hym self.
 all whiche by consent of the Company are sett
 ouer to him from ANDREW WYSE.

Law published an edition (Q3) of 1 *Henry IV* in 1604, and an edition (Q4) of *Richard III* in 1605; but it was not till 1608 that he brought out his first edition (Q3) of *Richard II*. Some copies of this edition have the following title-page:—

THE | Tragedie of King | Richard the second. | As it
 hath been publikey acted by the Right | Honourable
 the Lord Chamberlaine | his seruantes. | By *William*
Shake-speare. | LONDON, | Printed by W. W. for
Mathew Law, and are to be | sold at his shop in
 Paules Church-yard, at | the signe of the Foxe. | 1608.

This title, evidently taken from the preceding edition (Q2), was soon cancelled and another substituted for it:—

THE | Tragedie of King | Richard the Second : | With
 new additions of the Parlia- | ment Sceane, and the
 deposing | of King Richard, | As it hath been lately
 acted by the Kinges | Maiesties seruantes at the
 Globe. | By *William Shake-speare*. | At LONDON, |
 Printed by W. W. for *Mathew Law*, and are to | be
 sold at his shop in Paules Church-yard, | at the signe
 of the Foxe. | 1608.

The alteration of the style of the company from the Chamberlain's to the King's servants was a matter of course: the important change in the new title is its announcement of the "new additions," which in this quarto were printed for the first time. In this sense no doubt they were new additions; but that they were additions to the play itself made subsequently to the publication of the earlier quartos no one now, I believe, is inclined to admit. The additions in question are the lines 154-320, Act IV. Scene i, beginning:—

"May it please you, Lords, to grant the commons' suit."
 and ending:—

"*Bull*. On Wednesday next we solemnly set downe
 Our coronation; Lords prepare yourselves."

I include these two last lines (319, 320) in the "additions" because when the resignation passage was suppressed they

must have been altered to the form in which they appear in Q1 and Q2 :—

"*Bull.* Let it be so, and loe on wednesday next,
We solemnly proclaime our Coronation,
Lords be ready all."

the "Let it be so" being introduced as a connecting link between the—in Q^{os} 1 and 2—last preceding speech of Northumberland, touching the custody of the Bishop of Carlisle, lines 150–153.

On the departure of Henry and his confederates, after "Lords be ready all," the Q^{os} 1 and 2 are again in substantial agreement with the later quartos 3 and 4: the Abbot of Westminster, the Bishop of Carlisle and Aumerle remain to discuss what has passed and it seems to be agreed on all hands that the first speech, by the Abbot—

"A wofull Pageant haue we heere beheld,"

could only apply to the woeful spectacle presented by Richard in his forced resignation of the crown into the hands of Bolingbroke, and must be taken as proof positive that the "additions" lines formed part of the original scene. Perhaps so; but had these "additions" lines not come down to us we might, indeed we must have supposed that the Abbot's speech referred to the, to him, woeful pageant of the ascent of the throne by Bolingbroke, and his acclamation as Henry the Fourth (ll. 111–113). Pageant for pageant, this open act of usurpation must have excited woe and indignation in the loyal breasts of the Abbot and his companions at least equal to that they might be supposed to feel for the somewhat querulous and undignified laments of Richard. Proof, however, that the "additions" formed part of the original play does not rest entirely on the Abbot's speech, and independently of the strong evidence of the lines themselves, in their exact agreement in "style, diction and rhythm with the rest of the play" [Clarendon Press ed.], we may notice how the passage is linked with the first scene of the next act: in line 316 of the "additions" Bolingbroke orders Richard to be conveyed to the Tower and in V. i. we find the ex-king on his way thither, when Northumberland enters with the news that the mind of Bolingbroke is changed, and that Richard must to Pomfret, not unto the Tower. (l. 51, 52).

It seems, indeed, impossible to come to any other conclusion than that the "additions" formed part of the original play. Why were they excised? A probable reason may, perhaps, be found in the fact that in Act III, Scenes ii and iii, Richard's want of manliness had already been largely and sufficiently displayed; moreover, the story loses nothing in completeness or intelligibility by the suppression of the passage; for York (ll. 107-112) has already announced Richard's resignation and his adoption of Bolingbroke as his successor. I can see no reason to suppose that it was struck out from any political motive; there are far more "dangerous" passages in the play than this, and more likely to have called down the censor's *veto* if the representation on the stage of the mis-government of a weak king was deemed perilous; and it seems highly improbable in that case that he should have contented himself with striking out a passage the only possible effect of which would be to excite the sympathy of the audience on behalf of the deposed monarch. Be this as it may, these "additions" were never printed in the Queen's life time; nor, so far as we know, was any edition of the play itself published between 1598 and 1608. How Law obtained his copy of the "additions" is quite unknown: as, however, for the bulk of the play he printed his first edition—Q3, 1608—from Q2 it is permissible to suppose that the copy of that quarto which he made use of was one made over to him by Wise in 1603, containing these additions in MS. The cancelled title, which makes no mention of these "additions," suggests that he was not at first aware of these MS. additions, and, judging from their inferiority to the version given in the F^o, it is not likely that he could have had access to any authentic MS.

A facsimile of Q3 is included in this series, and was issued in 1888. It has the first title-page, on which no mention is made of the "additions."

Law published a second edition (Q4) in 1615; a mere reprint of Q3, with, of course, additional errors. The title agrees *verbatim* with the second or corrected title of Q3, except in the date and in the imprint, which has only "Printed for Mathew Law" instead of "Printed by W. W. for Mathew Law." The ornament or device on the title also differs from that of Q3, and is identical with that on

the title of Q⁶, Richard III, 1622 [see Facsimile of that Q^o] printed by Thomas Purfoot for Law. This Purfoot succeeded his father, Thomas, who died some time before 6 Novr. 1615 [see Stat. Reg. Arber III. 576]. Q⁴ of *Richard II* may have been printed at their Press.

A reprint of Q⁴ is given in Steeven's *Twenty Plays, etc.* This Q⁴, the last quarto edition issued before the publication of the play in the F^o 1623, was used in printing the F^o text. There is no doubt on that point: the quarto errors which have crept into the F^o text, and which prove its connection with the quarto version, are clearly traceable to Q⁴ as their immediate source. The position or condition, however, of the copy of Q⁴ made use of has not, I think, been very certainly determined. As usual, for any definite treatment of matters of this kind, we must turn to the work of the Cambridge Editors.

Their theory is that the copy of Q⁴ made use of was an "acting copy," a copy "corrected with some care and prepared for stage representation," and they consider that for one portion of the play, the "new additions of the Parliament Scene," these corrections were even made on the authority of the author's M.S.; for this part of the play, therefore, they hold the first folio to be our highest authority. They are, however, silent as to the authority on which, for the bulk of the play, the defective text of Q⁴ was corrected: they merely tell us that "for all the rest of the play the first quarto affords the best text." Now I do not see my way to the acceptance of this supposed acting copy of Q⁴; nor do I understand why, if the author's MS. was consulted for the correction of one part of Q⁴, it should not also have been consulted for the correction of the bulk of that Q^o.

And first as to this acting copy. Q⁴ was printed in 1615: the Theatre could scarcely be in want, at that date, of an acting copy of a play that had been in its possession at least twenty years. It seems to me therefore more probable that the alterations and corrections made in Q⁴ were made expressly for the folio edition and probably not long before its publication. If at any time it had been considered desirable to dress up one of the quartos as an acting copy, the work would certainly have been done long before 1615, and probably the earliest print of the play, Q¹, 1597, would have been taken for that purpose. But tho' I take exception

to this notion of Q₄ as an acting copy, I fully believe that that quarto was altered and corrected, *but altered and corrected throughout*, on the authority of *an* acting copy. Whether that acting copy was made up partly of print and partly of MS., or, which I believe more likely, wholly of MS., is not, I think, a matter of much importance; but it is important to consider that it was used in altering and correcting *throughout* the copy of Q₄ made use of by the printers of the F^o.

The corrections of the defective text of Q₄ made for the F^o edition are great throughout the play: they are more apparent in the "additions" because for that part we have nothing but the defective text of Q^{os}. 3 and 4 with which to compare the Folio; whereas for the bulk of the play we have for comparison the fairly good text of Q₁, and are thus able to convict the folio of a considerable number of errors, which at first sight seem to discredit it. On examination, however, we find that nearly all these errors are the result of its passage to the press through the medium of Q₄ and can be removed with absolute certainty. Let us take a dozen of these Q-F errors, and the reader will see at once how they originated and how they are to be amended. The quotations are from the F^o; the variations of the Quartos follow:—

- I. i. 87. Looke what I *said*, my life shall proue it true.
speake Q₁; *sayd* Q₂, 3; *said* Q₄.
- „ 107. And by the glorious worth of my *discent*.
descent Q₁; *discent* Q₂, 3, 4.
- „ 127. *Disburst* I to his Highnesse souldiers.
Disburst I *duely* to Q₁; *duely* om. Q₂, 3, 4.
- I. iii. 29. And *formerly* according to our Law.
formally Q₁, 2, 3; *formerly* Q₄.
- I. iv. 8. Awak'd the *sleepie* rhewme, etc.
sleeping Q₁, 2; *sleepie* Q₃, 4.
- II. iii. 77. From the most *glorious* of this Land.
gratious regent Q₁; *ghorious* Q₂; *glorious* Q₃, 4.
- II. iv. 15. These signes fore-run the *death* of kings.
death or fall Q₁; *death* Q₂, 3, 4.
- III. ii. 26 Shall falter vnder foule *Rebellious* Armes.
rebellions Q₁, 2; *rebellious* Q₃, 4.
- III. iv. 70. To a deere Friend of *the Duke* of Yorkes.
the good Duke Q₁, 2; *good* om. Q₃, 4.

- V. ii. 66. For gay apparrell, *against the Triumph.*
gainst the triumph day Q₁; *against the*
Triumph Q₂, 3, 4.
- V. v. i. I haue bin studying, how *to* compare.
I may Q₁; *to* Q₂, 3, 4.
- „ 31. Thus play I in one *Prison*, many people.
person Q₁; *Prison* Q₂, 3, 4.

All these instances of error in the F^o are obviously due to oversight on the part of the scribe engaged in correcting Q₄ for the folio edition. As I cannot give a complete list of the errors thus originating, I add a statement in round numbers shewing the greater or less degree of agreement between the F^o and the several quarto editions, Nos. 1-4.

Taking the foot-notes of the Cambridge edition as the basis of my examination, I find that in some 350 cases in which Q^{os} 1 to 4 disagree among themselves, the F^o is in agreement with one or more of them. In 250 of these cases its agreement is with the true readings of the earlier quartos; but in the remaining 100 its agreement is with errors or doubtful readings; in this hundred it is in agreement

- 8 times with Q₁; once exclusively.
- 69 times with Q₂; once exclusively.
- 89 times with Q₃; once exclusively.
- 97 times with Q₄; seven times exclusively

The one instance of exclusive agreement in error with Q₁ is in

- II. i. 124. Oh spare me not, my *brothers* Edwards sonne.
 The other quartos read, correctly, *brother*.

The one instance of exclusive agreement with Q₂ is in

- IV. i. 70. In proof whereof, there is *mine* Honors pawne.
 The other quartos have *my*. It is perhaps hard measure to include this in a list of errors; but if Q₁ is the supreme authority the *mine* of Q₂ and F₁ must be rejected.

The one instance of exclusive agreement with Q₃ is in

- IV. i. 104. Lords *Appealants*.

The Q^{os}. 1, 2, 4 have *Appellants*. On this, however, it must be remarked that in the four places in which the word occurs in the play, the F^o uniformly gives it *Appealants*; so that tho' here is a case of exclusive agreement with Q₃ it would be rash to conclude that the F^o in this instance was influenced by that quarto.

In all the other cases in which the *Fo* agrees with errors of *Q1*, 2 and 3 those errors are also found in *Q4*.

In addition to these we have seven instances of exclusive agreement of the *Fo* with *Q4*; two of these (I. i. 87 and I. iii. 29) are given above in the dozen instances of *Q-F* errors; the other five follow:—

II. i. 278. A Bay in *Britaine*, etc.

Brittaine Q1; Brittanie Q2, 3; Britaine Q4.

II. iii. 92. But *more then* why, why haue they dar'd to march.
then more Q1; more than Q2, 3; more then Q4.

III. i. 25. Raz'd out my *Impresse*, etc.

impreese Q1, 2, 3; impresse Q4.

V. v. 99. Taste of it first, as thou *wer't* wont to doo.

art Q1, 2, 3; wert Q4.

V. v. 106. Villaine, *thine* owne hand yeelds thy deaths instrument.

thy Q1, 2, 3; thine Q4.

Here then we have sufficient proof that the Folio version got to press through the medium of *Q4*. Purged of the errors which resulted from that progress the text of the Folio is at once raised to the level of *Q1*, and on further examination we find it rises still higher; for it corrects a number of errors which are found in that *Qo* and in all the rest. A few examples must suffice:—

I. i. 152. Wrath-kindled *Gentlemen* be rul'd by me.
gentleman Qq.

I. iii. 172. What is thy sentence *then*, but speechlesse death,
then omitted Qq.

I. iv. 20. He is our *Cosin* (*Cosin*) but 'tis doubt,
Coosens Coosin Qq. (with various spellings).

I. iv. 52, 53. *Enter Bushy.*

Bushy, what newes?

The *Qq* have merely, as a stage-direction,—

Enter Bushie with newes.

II. i. 102. And yet *incaged* in so small a Verge,
*inraged Qq.**

*In our "Facsimile" of *Q3* the lithographer, in an access of zeal, has actually made the correction which is only found in the *Fo*. The *r* in *inraged* in *Q3* is somewhat damaged, but is distinctly an *r*. I am indebted to Dr. Aldis Wright for calling my attention to this fault in our facsimile. For this and others, and for verifying for me many readings in the originals in the Capell collection at Cambridge I tender him my heartiest thanks.

- II. ii. 119. *And meet me presently at Barkley Castle :*
The Qq omit *Castle*.
- III. ii. 84. Awake thou *sluggard* Maiestie, thou sleepest :
coward Q¹ ; *coward*, Q²-4.
- III. ii. 134. Vpon their spotted Soules for this *offence*.
The Qq omit *offence*.
- III. iii. 119. This swears he, as he *is a Prince, is iust,*
is princesse iust, Q¹, 2 ; *is a Prince iust*, Q³, 4.
- The level sinks again, however, when we find errors in the F^o from which the Quartos are free, thus :—
- I. iii. 28. Thus *placed* in habiliments of warre :
plated Qq.
- I. iii. 69. Oh thou the *earthy* author of my blood
earthly Qq.
- I. iii. 76. And *furnish* new the name of John a Gaunt,
furbish Qq.
- II. i. 12. The setting Sun, and Musicke *is* the close
at Qq.
- II. ii. 108. Gentlemen, will *you* muster men ?
you go Qq.

and a good many more ; nearly all, I think, obviously due to the printers of the folio ; tho' in justice to them it should be said that their work generally is far superior to that bestowed on the quartos.

These special errors of F¹ may, I think, be considered as fairly balanced by its special corrections, and so far therefore we may place the Q^o and F^o texts on an equality ; but now comes in the fact that in numerous places the F^o text varies from that of the Q^o ; it is not now a question of errors and corrections in one or the other text, but of varying readings that we have to consider ; and, to determine which should be selected, it is absolutely necessary to determine which of the two editions is to be regarded as of chief authority.

As I hold that the authority on which Q⁴ was corrected for the F^o edition was *one* for the whole of the play, proof of any part of it [the "additions"] having been the author's own MS. would at once settle the point with me, and I should declare, unhesitatingly, the F^o to be the supreme authority for the whole of the text there given : due allowance being, of course, made for its quarto errors and for those of its printers ; all of which can be easily and certainly

corrected. But though I can only suppose it to have been an acting copy, made for the use of the Theatre, it must certainly have been a good copy, as is abundantly proved by the numerous corrections made throughout the play, on its authority, in the copy of Q₄ which was prepared for the printers of the F^o; which corrections bring it infinitely nearer in all good readings to Q₁ than are any of the three subsequent quartos, and in the "additions" raise it high above Q^{os} 3 and 4 in which those additions were first printed. Now some of the F^o variations above mentioned are clearly the result of revision and all therefore, it seems to me, must be placed in the same category unless proof to the contrary can be adduced. They are found too in what there is every reason to believe was an acting copy of the play, and it seems therefore reasonable to suppose that they were made at an early date, and therefore probably sanctioned, if not actually made, by the author himself. We have, of course, to consider the act 3 James I. c. 21 (1605) and the consequent frequent change of "God" to "Heaven"; but I do not think that need affect the question of the date of the revisions or variations to which I refer, which I suppose to have been made when the play was first produced, or at any rate during the process of its settling down into its position as an acting play. I cite merely a couple of undisputed instances of these revisions taken from the earlier and later parts of the play:—

I. ii. 1. "Alas, the part I had in *Glousters* blood,"

The Q_q have *Woodstockes*. In all other places in the play Thomas of Woodstock is referred to by his title of Gloucester, and for the sake of uniformity and to avoid confusion the change was probably deliberately made here also.

V. vi. 8. "The heads of *Salsbury, Spencer, Blunt, and Kent*."

The Q_q have *Oxford, Salisbury, Blunt, and Kent*; tho' Q₂₋₄ accidentally omit *Blunt*. The change in the F^o is the substitution of *Spencer* for *Oxford*. Oxford (Aubrey de Vere) had nothing to do with the conspiracy referred to in this scene; Spencer (Thomas Despencer, Earl of Gloucester) had, and suffered at Bristol.


These clearly are instances of revision, and to be adopted: and as I see no reason for placing the other variations of the folio text in any other position than that which is occupied by these, I conclude that, unless otherwise discredited, all must be accepted, even tho' the object of the change may not be so apparent or, perhaps, in our judgment so beneficial.

It is, perhaps, right, also, that we should consider the circumstances under which the two versions appeared. As regards Q₁ nothing is known of the way in which Wise, its publisher, became possessed of his copy; he printed it without Shakespeare's name on the title, and notwithstanding its fairly good text, it must come under the suspicion of being one of those stolen and surreptitious copies of which Messrs. Heminge and Condell complain. Its intrinsic value nevertheless is great, inasmuch as it not only enables us to correct with certainty the quarto-errors of the F^o, but also preserves for us the passages—some fifty lines in all—which were omitted in the F^o. Beyond that I do not see in what respect it can claim any superiority over the F^o. On the other hand we have in the F^o a clearly authorized publication of the play, divided into Acts and Scenes, and in other respects carefully prepared for the stage; and as a set off against its fifty lines omissions we have its admittedly best version of the hundred and sixty-six lines of the "additions," which Q^{os} 1 and 2 omit. All things considered, then, although I do not see my way to the belief that the author's autograph was consulted for any part of the F^o edition of this play I yet think that an editor would do well to take the F^o as the basis of his text; checking it by and of course supplementing it with the Q^o; but relying on it as chief authority when choice has to be made of varying readings. These variations, tho' numerous, are not often very important, except from an editorial point of view; but a choice must be made, and should be made on some intelligible principle. After all, the editor will still find large demands made on his judgment whichever text he may elect to follow; for all modern texts of Shakespeare's plays must be to some extent eclectic: the absence of anything like serious editorial supervision in the early editions makes that a necessity; but a certain amount of guidance would be obtained, with

possibly a happier result than is to be found in every modern edition.

The last quarto edition of *Richard II*, Q5, was published in 1634; as it was founded on the second folio edition, 1632, there was no need to refer to it in this Introduction. A facsimile of it—issued in 1887—is included in this series.

The marginal notation of this Facsimile of the Devonshire copy of Q1—for which Mr. Harrison is solely responsible—follows the system adopted with the Huth copy of this Q^o, that is to say:—

On the inner margins are given the line numbers, in fours, of the nineteen consecutive scenes of the Quarto. Where parts of lines in the Q^o make together a metrical line in the Cambridge edition, a bracket [] shews this: otherwise each short line of the Q^o is reckoned as a whole line.

On the outer margins are given the Act, Scene and line numbers of the Cambridge and Globe editions.

A dagger [†] marks lines which differ from the corresponding line in F1.

A caret [>] shews that a line or stage direction existing in F1 is absent from the Q^o.

A star [*] marks a line or stage direction in the Q^o which is absent from F1.

It is necessary to note here that the Devonshire copy of Q1, the facsimile of which is here given, is mutilated in some few places:—

Page 3. Half of the catchword “And” has been cut away in the original.

Page 6. The whole of the last line and catchword are wanting, and the lower half of the first four words of line preceding is torn away.

Page 7. The last three words of the last line, together with the catchword, are wanting.

The above deficiencies have been supplied by the lithographer.

Page 26. The lower outer corner of the page is torn off: the last letter of “more” l. 230 is deficient; the catchword “Rosse” is also mutilated: the lithographer has supplied these defects; but has omitted to replace at the ends of lines 231 and 232 a note of interrogation after

"(ford," and a hyphen after "Her." See Huth Facsimile Q¹ p. 27.

Page 42. The catchword should be "Snakes"; the two last letters are cut off in the original. The same damage has slightly mutilated, in the original, the capital letters beginning lines 157 to 168 on the other side of the leaf, p. 43.

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CORRIGENDA.

RICHARD II. QI (Devonshire).

- p. 2. I. i. 7. place a period at end of line.
- p. 5. I. 107. dele comma after *And*.
- p. 14. I. iii. 138. should be a semicolon at end of line.
- p. 21. II. i. 30. there should be a comma after *lackst*, and at the end of the line, instead of a period, a mark as given in the Huth Q^o. It is probably meant for a note of interrogation. The originals are very indistinct.
- p. 21. II. i. 37. read *eagre* in second word of line.
- p. 26. II. i. 223. Stage direction: should be a period after *North*.
- p. 27. II. i. 250. for *blanket* read *blankes*.
- p. 41. III. ii. 77. should be a colon after *fled*.
- p. 43. III. ii. 159. should be a semicolon after *kild*.
- p. 51. III. iv. 8. for *griefes* read *griefe* :, and dele dagger before this line.
- p. 61. V. i. 97. for *Queene* read *Queene*.
- p. 62. V. ii. 39. read *Bullingbrooke*.
- p. 68. V. iii. 125. read *set*.
- " " 128. dele comma after *pardon*.
- p. 73. V. vi. 18. insert period after *H* in the entry of *H. Percie*.

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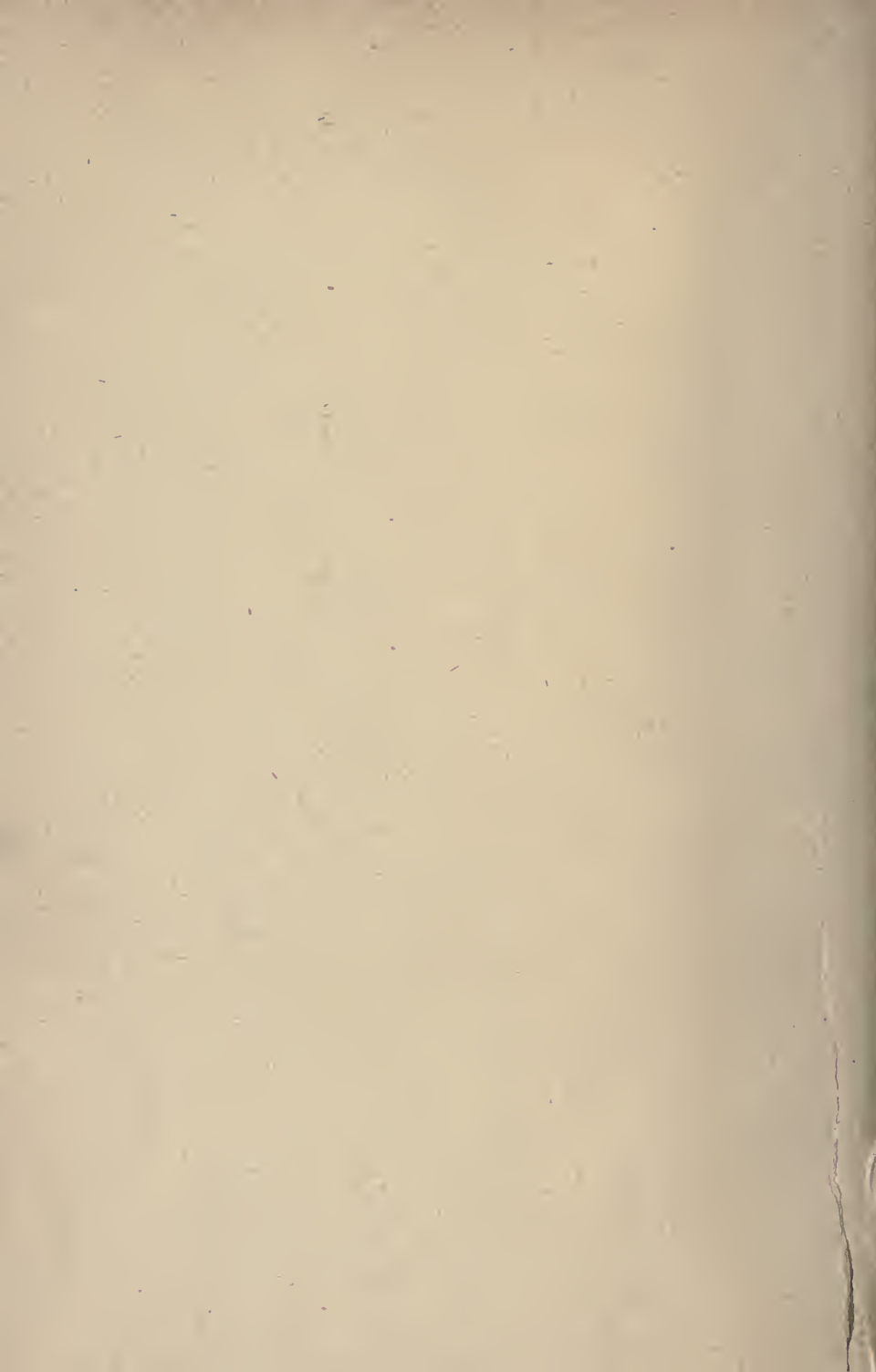
RICHARD II. Q1 (Huth).

- p. 4. I. i. 46. a comma after *speaks*.
 p. 8. I. i. 189. read *feare* not *feate*.
 " " 204. a comma after *Armes*.
 p. 9. I. ii. 9. a note of interrogation after *spurre*.
 p. 10. I. ii. 51. a comma after *backe*.
 p. 15. I. iii. 159. a comma after *yeeres*.
 p. 18. I. iii. 279. for *tho* read *the*.
 " " 285. capital A at the beginning of line.
 p. 20. I. iv. 13. for *raught* read *taught*.
 " " 21. a comma after *banishment*.
 p. 21. I. iv. 54. a comma after *Lord*.
 p. 22. II. i. 37. read *feeder* at end of line.
 p. 28. II. i. 236. read *Vnlesse*.
 " " 251. a note of interrogation at end of line.
 p. 29. II. i. 288. read *Northerne*.
 " " 290. read *for Ireland*.
 p. 31. II. ii. 48. a comma after *land*.
 p. 34. II. iii. 37. read *forgot* at end of line.
 p. 44. III. ii. 163. read *Scoffing*.
 p. 45. at top of outer margin *III. iii.* should be *III. ii.*
 p. 51. III. iii. 179-183. lines damaged in original. There
 should be a comma after *King* l. 182.
 Compare with Devonshire copy of
 Q1.
 p. 52. III. iii. 207. a comma after *must*.
 " III. iv. 8. dele dagger before line.
 p. 53. III. iv. 45. a comma after *vnprunde*.
 p. 55. IV. i. 4. read *performde*.
 p. 57. IV. i. 72. a ! instead of ? after *horse*.
 p. 62. V. ii. 10. read *course*, at end of line.

CORRIGENDA.

RICHARD II. Q3, 1608.

- p. 23. II. i. 103. for *incaged* read *inraged*.
p. 62. IV. i. 305. a note of interrogation after *why*.
p. 64. V. i. 71. read *violate* at end of line.



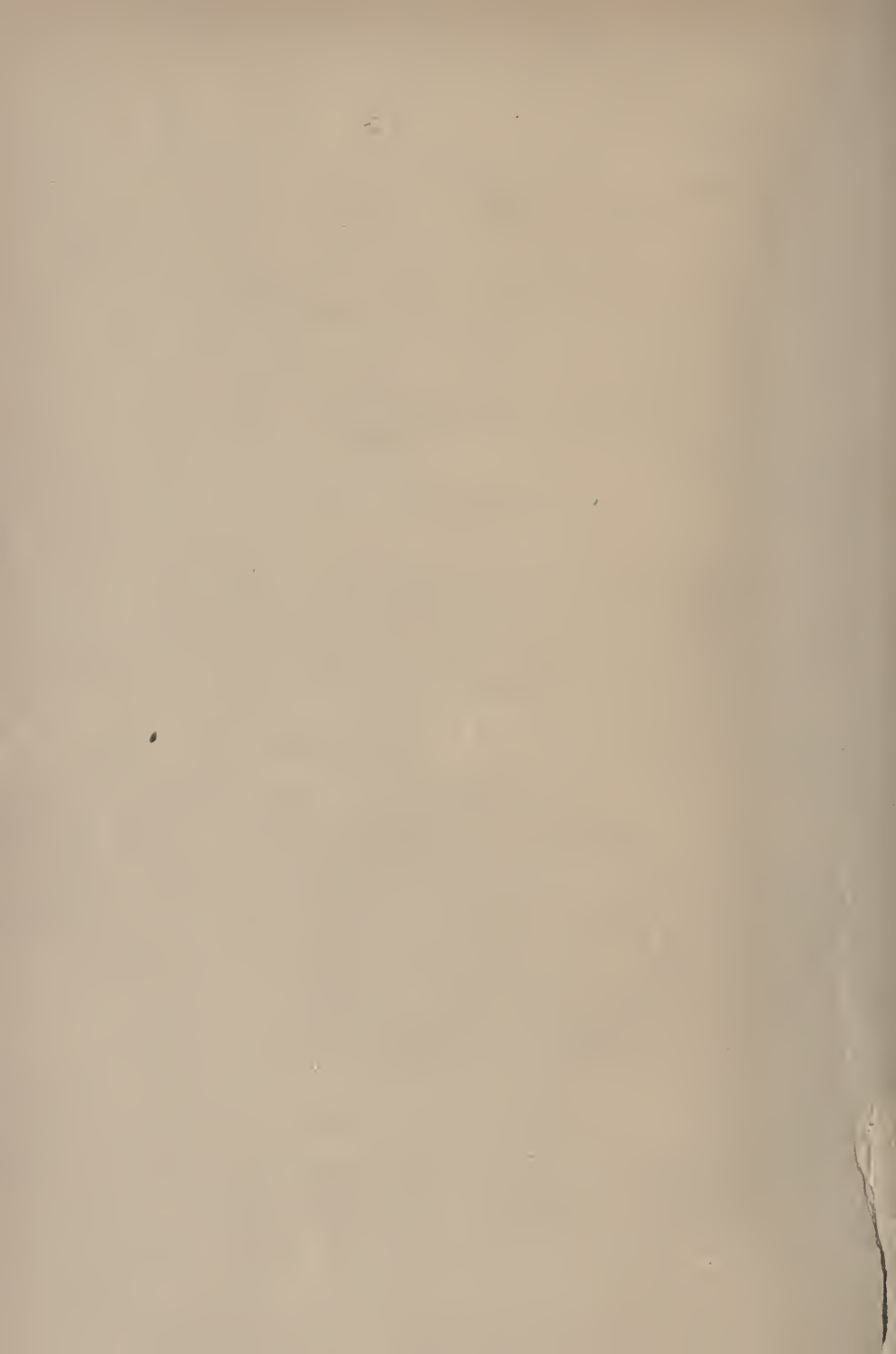
T H E
Tragedie of King Ri-
chard the se-
cond.

*As it hath beene publikely acted
by the right Honourable the
Lorde Chamberlaine his Ser-
uants.*



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Printed by Valentine Simmes for Androw Wise, and
are to be sold at his shop in Paules church yard at
the signe of the Angel.

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ENTER KING RICHARD, IOHN
OF GAUNT, WITH OTHER
Nobles and attendants.

Quarto
Scene I.

King Richard.

Cambridge
and
Globe

Act I.
Scene I.

 Vld Iohn of Gaunt time honoured Lancaster,
Hast thou according to thy oath and bande
Brought hither Henrie Herford thy bolde sonne,
Here to make good the boistrous late appeale,
Which then our leysure would not let vs heare
Against the Duke of Norfolke, Thomas Moubray?

Gaunt. I haue my Leige

King. Tell me moreouer hast thou sounded him,
If he appeale the Duke on ancient malice,
Or worthily as a good subiect should
On some knowne ground of treacherie in him.

Gaunt. As neere as I could sift him on that argument,
On some apparent daunger seene in him,
Aimde at your highnes, no inueterate malice.

King. Then call them to our presence face to face,
And frowning brow to brow our selues will heare,
The accuser and the accused freely speake:
High stomackt are they both and full of ire,
In rage, deafe as the sea, hastie as fire.

Enter Bullingbrooke and Mowbray.

Bulling. Manie yeares of happie daies befall,
My gracious foueraigne my most louing liege.

A 2

Mow.

The Tragedie of

Mowb. Each day still better others happines,
Vntill the heauens enuying earths good hap,
Adde an immortall title to your Crowne.

King. We thanke you both, yet one but flatters vs,
As well appeareth by the cause you come;
Namely to appeale each other of high treason:

Coolin of Herford, what dost thou obiekt
Against the Duke of Norffolke Thomas Mowbray?

Bull. First, heaven be the record to my speech,

In the deuotion of a subiects loue,

Tendring the pretious safetie of my Prince,

And free from other misbegotten hate,

Come I appellat to this princely presence.

Now Thomas Mowbray do I turne to thee,

And marke my greeting well: for what I speake

My body shall make good vpon this earth,

Or my diuine soule answer it in heauen:

Thou art a traitour and a miscreant,

Too good to be so, and too bad to liue,

Since the more faire and cristall is the skie,

The vglier seeme the cloudes that in it flie:

Once more, the more to aggrauate the note,

With a foule traitors name stuffe I thy throte,

And wish (so please my Soueraigne) ere I moue,

What my tong speaks, my right drawn sword may proue.

Mow. Let not my cold wordes here accuse my zeale,

Tis not the triall of a womans warre,

The bitter clamour of two eger tongues

Can arbitrate this cause betwixt vs twaine,

The bloud is hote that must be coold for this,

Yet can I not of such tame patience boast,

As to be huisht, and naught at all to say.

First the faire reuerence of your Highnesse curbs me,

From giuing reines and spurres to my free speech,

Which else would post vntill it had returnd,

These termes of treason doubled downe his throat:

Setting aside his high blouds royaltie,

And

King Richard the second.

And let him be no kinsman to my Liege,
 I do defie him, and I spit at him,
 Call him a slaunderous coward, and a villaine,
 Which to maintaine, I would allow him ods,
 And meete him were I tied to runne afoote,
 Euen to the frozen ridges of the Alpes,
 Or any other ground inhabitable
 Where euer Englishman durst set his foote,
 Meane time, let this defend my loyaltie,
 By all my hopes most falsly doth he lie.

Bull. Pale trembling coward there I throw my gage,
 Disclaiming here the kinred of the King,
 And lay aside my high bloudes royaltie,
 Which Feare, not Reuerence makes thee to except.
 If guilty dread haue left thee so much strength,
 As to take vp mine honours pawn, then stowpe,
 By that, and all the rites of Knighthood else,
 Will I make good against thee arme to arme,
 What I haue spoke, or thou canst worse deuise.

Mow. I take it vp, and by that sword I sweare,
 Which gently laid my Knighthood on my shoulder,
 Ile answer thee in any faire degree,
 Or chiuallrous designe of knightly triall:
 And when I mount, aliue may I not light,
 If I be traitor or vniustly fight.

King. What doth our cousin lay to Mowbraies charge?
 It must be great that can inherit vs,
 So much as of a thought of ill in him.

Bul. Looke what I speake, my life shall proue it true,
 That Mowbray hath receiued eight thousand nobles
 In name of Lendings for your Highnes souldiours,
 The which he hath detained for lewd employments,
 Like a false traitour, and iniurious villaine:
 Besides I say, and will in battle proue,
 Or here, or elsewhere to the furthest Verge
 That euer was surueyed by English eye,
 That all the treasons for these eightene yeares,

The Tragedie

96 Complotted and contriued in this land:
 † Fetch from false Mowbray their first head and spring,
 Further I say and further will maintaine
 Vpon his bad life to make all this good,
 100 That he did plotte the Duke of Glocesters death,
 Suggest his soone beleeuing aduersaries,
 And consequently like a taitour coward,
 Slute out his innocent soule through streames of blood,
 104 Which blood, like sacrificing Abels cries,
 Euen from the toungelesse Cauernes of the earth,
 To me for iustice and rough chastisement:
 And, by the glorious worth of my descent,
 108 This arme shall do it, or this life be spent.

King. How high a pitch his resolution soares,
 Thomas of Norfolke what saist thou to this?

Mowb. Oh let my soueraigne turne awaie his face,
 112 And bid his cares a little while be deafe,
 Till I haue tolde this slaunder of his blood,
 How God and good men hate so foule a lier.

King. Mowbray impartiall are our eies and eares.
 † Were he my brother, nay, my kingdomes heire,
 As he is but my fathers brothers sonne,
 † Now by scepters awe I make a vowe,
 Such neighbour neerenes to our sacred blood
 120 Should nothing priuiledge him nor partialize
 The vnstooping firmenesse of my vpriht soule,
 He is our subiect Mowbray so art thou,
 Free speech and fearelesse I to thee allowe.

Mowb. Then Bullingbrooke as lowe as to thy heart
 124 Through the false passage of thy throate thou liest,
 Three partes of that receipte I had for Callice,
 Disburst I duely to his highnesse souldiers,
 128 The other part reserude I by consent,
 For that my soueraigne liege was in my debt.
 Vpon remainder of a deare account:
 Since last I went to France to fetch his Queene:
 132 Now swallow downe that lie. For Glocesters death,

I flew

of King Richard the second.

I slewe him not but to my owne disgrace,
 Neglected my sworne duety in that case:
 For you my noble Lord of Lancaster,
 The honourable father to my foe,
 Once did I lay an ambushe for your life,
 A trespasse that doth vex my griued soule:
 Ah but ere I last receiude the Sacrament,
 I did confesse it, and exactly begd
 Your graces pardon, and I hope I had it.
 This is my fault, as for the rest appeald
 It issues from the rancour of a villaine,
 A recreant and most degenerate traitour,
 Which in my selfe I boldly will defende,
 And enterchangeably hurle downe my gage
 Vpon this ouerweening traitors foote,
 To proue my selfe a loyal Gentleman,
 Euen in the best blood chamberd in his bosome.
 In haste wherof most hartily I pray
 Your highnes to asigne our triall day.

King. Wrath kindled gentleman be ruled by me,
 Lets purge this choler without letting blood,
 This we prescribe though no Phisition,
 Deepe malice makes too deepe incision,
 Forget, forgive, conclude and be agreed,
 Our doctors say, this is no month to bleede:
 Good Vnckle let this ende where it begonne,
 Weele calme the Duke of Norfolke, you your sonne.

Gaunt. To be a make-peace shal become my age,
 Throw downe (my sonne) the Duke of Norfolkes gage.

King. And Norfolke throw downe his.

Gaunt. When Harry? when obedience bids,
 Obedience bids I should not bid againe.

King. Norfolke throw downe we bid, there is no boote.

Mow. My selfe I throw dread foueraigne at thy foote,
 My life thou shalt command, but not my shame,
 The one my duety owes, but my faire name
 Despight of death that liues vpon my graue,

To

The Tragedie of

To darke dishonours vse thou shalt not haue:
I am disgraste, impeacht, and baffuld heere,
Pierst to the soule with Slaunders venomd speare,
The which no balme can cure but his heart bloud
Which breathde this poyson.

King. Rage must be withstoode,
Giue me his gage; Lions make Leopards tame.

Mowb. Yea but not change his spots: take but my shame,

And I resigne my gage, my deare deare Lord,

The purest treasure mortall times afford,

Is spotlesse Reputation that away

Men are but guilded loame, or painted clay,

A iewell in a ten times bard vp chest,

Is a bold spirit in a loyall breast:

Mine honour is my life, both grow in one,

Take honour from me, and my life is done:

Then (deare my Liege) mine honour let me trie.

In that I liue, and for that will I die.

King. Cousin, throw vp your gage, do you beginne.

Bull. O God defend my soule from such deepe sinne,

Shall I seeme Crest-fallen in my fathers fight?

Or with pale beggar-feare impeach my height,

Before this out-darde Dastard? ere my tong

Shall wound my honour with such feeble wrong,

Or sound so base a parlee, my teeth shall teare

The slauiish motiue of recanting feare,

And spit it bleeding in his high disgrace,

Where Shame doth harbour euen in Mowbraies face.

King. We were not borne to sue, but to commaund,

Which since we cannot do, to make you friends,

Be ready as your liues shall answere it,

At Couentry vpon saint Lamberts day,

There shall your swords and launces arbitrate

The swelling difference of your setled hate,

Since we cannot atone you, we shall see

Iustice designe the Victors chiuallrie,

Lord Marshal, commaund our Officers at Armes,

Be

King Richard the second.

Be ready to direct these home allarmes.

*Exit.**Enter Iohn of Gaunt with the Duchesse of Glocester,**Gaunt* Alas, the part I had in Woodstockes bloud,

Doth more sollicite me than your exclames,

To stirre against the butchers of his life.

But since correction lieth in those hands,

Which made the fault that we cannot correct:

Put we our quarrell to the will of heauen,

Who when they see the houres ripe on earth,

Will raine hot vengeance on offenders heads.

Duchesse Findes brotherhood in thee no sharper spurre?

Hath loue in thy old bloud no liuing fire?

Edwards seuen sonnes whereof thy selfe art one.

Were as seuen viols of his sacred bloud,

Or seuen faire branches springing from one roote:

Some of those seuen are dried by natures course,

Some of those branches by the Destinies cut:

But *Thomas* my deare Lord, my life, my Glocester,

One violl full of Edwards sacred bloud,

One flourishing branch of his most royall roote

Is crackt, and all the precious liquor spilt,

Is hackt downe, and his summer leaues all faded

By Enuies hand, and Murders bloody axe.

Ah *Gaunt*, his bloud was thine, that bed, that womb,

That mettall, that selfe mould, that fashioned thee

Made him a man: and though thou liuest and breathest,

Yet art thou slaine in him, thou doost consent

In some large measure to thy fathers death.

In that thou seest thy wretched brother die,

Who was the modell of thy fathers life:

Call it not patience *Gaunt*, it is dispaire,

In suffring thus thy brother to be slaughtred,

Thou shewest the naked pathway to thy life.

Teaching sterne Murder how to butcher thee:

That which in meane men we intitle Patience.

Is pale cold Cowardice in noble breasts.

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What shall I saie? to safegard thine owne life,
The best way is to venge my Glocesters death.

Gaunt Gods is the quarrell for Gods substitute,
His deputy annointed in his sight,
Hath cauld his death, the which if wrongfully,
Let heauen reuenge, for I may neuer lift
An angry arme against his minister.

Duch. Where then alas may I complaine my selfe?

Gaunt To God the widdowes Champion and defence,

Duch. Why then I will; farewell olde Gaunt,
Thou goest to Couentry, there to behold
Our Coosen Hereford and sell Mowbray fight,
O set my husbands wronges on Herefords speare,
That it may enter butcher Mowbraies breast:
Or if misfortune misse the first carier,
Be Mowbraies sinnes so heauy in his bosome
That they may breake his foming coursers backe,
And throw the rider headlong in the listes,
A caitiue recreant to my Coosen Hereford,
Farewell old Gaunt, thy sometimes brothers wife,
With her companion Griefe must end her life.

Gaunt Sister farewell, I must to Couentry,
As much good slay with thee, as go with me.

Duch. Yet one word more, grieve boundeth where is fals,
Not with the emptie hollownes, but weight:

I take my leaue before I haue begone,
For sorrow endes not when it seemeth done:
Commend me to thy brother Edmund Yorke,
Lo this is all: nay yet depart not so.

Though this be al, doe not so quickly go:
I shall remember more: Bid him, ah what?
With all good speede at Plashie visite me,
Alacke and what shall good olde Yorke there see,
But empty lodgings and vn furnisht wals,
Vnpeopled offices, vntrodden stones,
And what heare there for welcome but my grones?
Therefore commend me, let him not come there,

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King Richard the second.

To seeke out sorrow that dwels euery where,
Desolate desolate will I hence and die:

The last leaue of thee takes my weeping eie. *Exeunt.*

Enter Lord Marshall and the Duke Aumerle.

Mar. My Lord Aumerle is Harry Herford armde?

Aum. Yea at all points, and longs to enter in.

Mar. The Duke of Norfolke sprightly and bold,
Staies but the summons of the appellants trumpet,

Aum. Why then the Champions are prepard and stay
For nothing but his maiesties approach.

*The trumpets sound and the King enters with his nobles; when
they are set, enter the Duke of Norfolke in armes defendent.*

King Marshall demaunde of yonder Champion,

The cause of his arriuall here in armes,

Aske him his name, and orderly proceede

To sweare him in the iustice of his cause.

Mar. In Gods name and the Kings say who thou art,

And why thou comest thus knightly clad in armes,

Against what man thou comst and what thy quarell,

Speake truly on thy knighthoode, and thy oth,

As so defend the heauen and thy valour.

Mow. My name is Thomas Mowbray Duke of Norfolke,

Who hither come ingaged by my oath,

(Which God defende a Knight should violate)

Both to defend my loyalty and truth,

To God, my King, and my succeeding issue,

Against the Duke of Herford that appeales me.

And by the grace of God, and this mine arme,

To proue him in defending of my selfe.

A traitour to my God, my King, and me,

And as I truly fight, defend me heauen.

*The trumpets sound. Enter Duke of Hereford
appellant in armour.*

King Marshall aske yonder Knight in armes,

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Both who he is, and why he commeth hither,

† 28 Thus plated in habiliments of warre, 28
† And formally according to our lawe,
Depose him in the iustice of his cause.

32 *Mar.* What is thy name? and wherefore comst thou hither? 32
† Before king Richard in his royall lists,
Against whom comes thou? and whats thy quarrell?
Speake like a true Knight, so defend thee heauen.

36 *Bul.* Harry of Herford, Lancafter and Darbie 36
† Am I, who ready here do stand in Armes
† To proue by Gods grace, and my bodie's valour
† In lists, on *Thomas Mowbray* Duke of Norffolke,
† That he is a traitour foule and dangerous,
40 To God of heauen, king Richard and to me: 40
And as I truly fight, defend me heauen.

Mar. On paine of death, no person be so bold,
Ordaring, hardy, as to touch the listes,
44 Except the Martiall and such officers 44
Appoynted to direct these faire designses.

Bul. Lord Martiall, let me kisse my Souereignes hand,
And bow my knee before his Maiestie,
48 For Mowbray and my selfe are like two men, 48
That vow a long and wearie pilgrimage,
Then let vs take a ceremonious leaue,
And louing farewell of our feuerall friends.

† 52 *Mar.* The appellant in all due ty greetes your Highnes, 52
And craues to kisse your hand, and take his leaue.

† *King* We will descend and fold him in our armes, 56
56 Coosin of Herford, as thy cause is right, 56
Sobe thy fortune in this royall fight:
Farewell my bloud, which if to day thou shead,
† Lament we may, but not reuenge the dead.

60 *Bul.* O let no noble eie prophane a teare 60
For me, if I be gorde with Mowbraies speare:
As confident as is the Falcons flight
Against a bird, do I with Mowbray fight.
My louing Lord, I take my leaue of you:

Of

King Richard the second.

64	Of you (my noble cousin) Lord Aumarle, Not sicke although I haue to do with death, But lusty, yong and cheerely drawing breth: Loe, as at English feasts so I regreet	64
68	The daintiest last, to make the end most sweet. Oh thou the earthly Authour of my blood, Whose youthfull spirite in me regenerate Doth with a two-fold vigour lift me vp,	68
72	To reach at Victory about my head: Adde prooffe vnto mine armour with thy prayers, And with thy blessings steele my launces point, That it may enter Mowbraies waxen cote,	72
76	And furbish new the name of Iohn a Gaunt, Euen in the lustie hauiour of his sonne.	76
	<i>Gaunt.</i> God in thy good cause make thee prosperous, Be swift like lightning in the execution, And let thy blowes doubly redoubled, Fall like amazing thunder on the caske	
80	Of thy aduerse pernicious enemy, Rowze vp thy youthfull blood, be valiant and liue,	80
84	<i>Bul.</i> Mine innocence and saint George to thriue, <i>Mowb.</i> How euer God or Fortune cast my lot, There liues or dies true to King Richards throne, A loyall, iust, and vpright Gentleman:	84
88	Neuer did captiue with a freer heart Cast off his chaines of bondage, and embrace His golden vncontrouled enfranchisement, More than my dauncing soule doth celebrate	88
92	This feast of battle with mine aduersarie, Most mighty Liege, and my companion Peeres, Take from my mouth the wish of happy yeeres, As gentle, and as iocund as to iest	92
96	Go I to fight, truth hath a quiet brest. <i>King</i> Farewell (my Lord) securely Iespie, Vertue with Valour couched in thine eie, Order the triall Martiall, and beginne.	96
100	<i>Mart.</i> Harry of Herford, Lancaster and Darby,	100

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Receiue thy launce, and God defend the right.

Bul. Strong as a tower in hope I cry, Amen.

Mart. Go beare this lance to Thomas Duke of Norfolk.

Herald Harry of Herford, Lancaster, and Darby

Stands here, for God, his soueraigne, and himselfe,

On paine to be found false and recreant,

To proue the Duke of Norfolk Thomas Mowbray

A traitor to his God, his king, and him,

And dares him to set forward to the fight.

Herald 2 Here standeth Thomas Mowbray D. of Norfolk

On paine to be found false and recreant,

Both to defend himselfe, and to approue

Henry of Hereford, Lancaster, and Darby,

To God, his soueraigne, and to him disloyall,

Couragiously, and with a free desire,

Attending but the signall to beginne.

Mart. Sound trumpets, and set forward Combatants:

Stay, the king hath throwen his warder downe.

King. Let them lay by their helmets, and their speares,

And both returne backe to their chaires againe,

Withdraw with vs, and let the trumpets sound,

While we returne these dukes what we decree.

Draw neere and list

What with our counsell we haue done :

For that our kingdomes earth should not be soild

With that deare bloud which it hath fostered:

And for our eies do hate the dire aspect

Of ciuill wounds plowd vp with neighbours sword,

And for we thinke the Eagle-winged pride

Of skie-aspiring and ambitious thoughts,

With riual-hating enuy set on you

To wake our peace, which in our Countries cradle

Drawes the sweet infant breath of gentle sleepe

Which so roudze vp with boistrous vtunde drummes,

With harsh resounding trumpets dreadfull bray,

And grating shocke of wrathfull yron armes,

Might from our quiet confines fright faire Peace,

And

King Richard the second.

And make vs wade euen in our kinreds bloud,
 Therefore we banish you our territories:
 You cousin Hereford vpon paine of life,
 Til twice fiae summers haue enricht our fields,
 Shall not regreete our faire dominions,
 But treade the stranger paths of banishment.

Bul. Your will be done; this must my comfort be,
 That Sunne that warmes you here, shall shine on me,
 And those his golden beames to you heere lent,
 Shall point on me, and guilde my banishment.

King Norfolke, for thee remains a heauier doome,
 Which I with some vnwilllingnesse pronounce,
 The slie slow houres shall not determinate
 The datelesse limite of thy deere exile,
 The hoplesse word of neuer to returne,
 Breathe I against thee, vpon paine of life.

Mowb. A heauy sentence, my most soueraigne Liege,
 And all vnlookt for from your Highnesse mouth,
 A deerer merit not so deepe a maim,
 As to be cast forth in the common ayre
 Haue I deserued at your Highnesse hands:
 The language I haue learnt these forty yeeres,
 My native English now I must forgo,
 And now my tongues vse is to me, no more
 Than an vnstringed viol or a harpe,
 Or like a cunning instrument casde vp,
 Or being open, put into his hands
 That knowes no touch to tune the harmonie:
 Within my mouth you haue engaold my tongue,
 Doubly portcullist with my teeth and lippes,
 And dull vnfeeling barren ignorance
 Is made my Gaoler to attend on me:
 I am too olde to fawne vpon a nurse,
 Too far in yeeres to be a pupill now,
 What is thy sentence but speechlesse death?
 Which robbes my tongue from breathing native breath.

King It bootes thee not to be compassionate,

After

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After our sentence playning comes too late.

176 *Mow.* Then thus I turne me from my countries light,
To dwel in solemne shades of endlesse night.

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King. Returne againe, and take an othe with thee,
Lay on our royall sword your banisht hands,
† 180 Swear by the duty that y'owe to God,
(Our part therein we banish with your selues,)
To keepe the oath that we administer:

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† You neuer shall, so helpe you truth and God,
184 Embrace each others loue in banishment,
† Nor neuer looke vpon each others face,
† Nor neuer write, regreete, nor reconcile
This lowring tempest of your home-bred hate,

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† 188 Nor neuer by aduised purpose meete,
To plot, contriue, or complot any ill,
Gainst vs, our state, our subiects, or our land.

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Bul. I sweare.

192 *Mow.* And I, to keepe al this.

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Bul. Norffolke, so fare as to mine enemy:
By this time, had the King permitted vs,
One of our foules had wandred in the aire,
196 Banisht this fraile sepulchre of our flesh,
As now our flesh is banisht from this land,
† Confesse thy treasons ere thou flie the realme,
Since thou hast far to go, beare not along
200 The clogging burthen of a guiltie soule.

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Mow. No Bullingbrooke, if euer I were traitour,
My name be blotted from the booke of life,
And I from heauen banisht as from hence:
† But what thou art, God, thou, and I, do know,
† And al too soone (I feare) the King shall rew:
204 Farewell (my Liege) now no way can I stray,
† Saue backe to England al the worlds my way.

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208 *King.* Vncle, euen in the glasses of thine eyes,
I see thy griued heart: thy sad aspect
Hath from the number of his banisht yeeres
Pluckt foure away, fixe frozen winters spent,

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*Exit.**Returne*

King Richard the second.

Returne with welcome home from banishment.

Bull. How long a time lies in one little word,
Foure lagging winters and foure wanton springes,
End in a word, such is the breath of Kinges.

Gaunt. I thanke my liege that in regard of me,
He shortens foure yeares of my sonnes exile,
But little vantage shall I reape thereby:
For eare the sixe yeares that he hath to spend
Can change their moones, and bring their times about,
My oile-dried lampe, and time bewasted light
Shall be extint with age and endlesse nightes,
My intch of taper will be burnt and done,
And blindfold Death not let me see my sonne.

King. Why Vnckle thou hast many yeares to liue.

Gaunt. But not a minute King that thou canst giue,
Shorten my daies thou canst with sullen sorrowe,
And plucke nights from me, but not lend a morrow:
Thou canst helpe time to furrow me with age,
But stoppe no wrinkle in his pilgrimage:
Thy word is currant with him for my death,
But dead, thy kingdome cannot buy my breath.

King. Thy sonne is banisht vpon good aduise,
Whereto thy tong a party verdict gaue,
Why at our iustice seemst thou then to lowre?

Gaunt. Things sweet to taste, prooue in digestion sowre.
You vrgde me as a iudge, but I had rather,
You would haue bid me argue like a father:
Oh had't beene a stranger, not my child,
To smooth his fault I should haue beene more milde:
A partial slaunder sought I to auoide,
And in the sentence my owne life destroyed:
Alas, I lookt when some of you should say,
I was too strict to make mine owne away:
But you gaue leaue to my vnwilling tongue,
Against my will to do my false this wrong.

King. Coosen farewell, and Vnckle, bid him so,
Sixe yeares we banish him and he shall go.

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Au. Colin farewel, what presence must not know,
From where you doe remaine let paper shew.

Mar. My Lord, no leaue take I, for I will ride
As farre as land will let me by your side.

Gaunt. Oh to what purpose doest thou hoard thy words,
That thou returnest no greeting to thy friends?

Bull. I haue too few to take my leaue of you,
When the tongues office should be prodigall,
To breathe the abundant dolor of the heart.

Gaunt. Thy griefe is but thy absence for a time.

Bull. Ioy absent, griefe is present for that time.

Gaunt. What is sixe winters? they are quickly gone,

Bul. To men in ioy, but griefe makes one hower ten,

Gaunt. Call it a trauaile that thou takst for pleasure.

Bul. My heart will sigh when I miscall it so,
Which findes it an inforced pilgrimage.

Gaunt. The fullen passage of thy weary steps,
Esteeme as foyle wherein thou art to set,
The pretious Iewell of thy home returne.

Bul. Nay rather euery tedious stride I make,
Will but remember me what a deale of world:

I wander from the Iewels that I loue.

Must I not serue a long apprenticeshood,

To forreine passages, and in the end,

Hauing my freedome, boast of nothing else,

But that I was a iourneyman to griefe.

Gaunt. All places that the eie of heauen visits,

Are to a wiseman portes and happie hauens:

Teach thy necessity to reason thus,

There is no vertue like necessity,

Thinke not the King did banish thee,

But thou the King. Woe doth the heauier sit,

Where it perceiues it is but faintly borne:

Go, say I sent thee soorth to purchase honour,

And not the King exile thee; or suppose,

Deuouring pestilence hangs in our aire,

And thou art flying to a fresher clime:

Looke

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King Richard the second.

Looke what thy soule holds deare. imagine it
 To ly that way thou goest, not whence thou comst:
 Suppose the singing birds musitions,
 The grasse whereon thou treadst, the presence strowd,
 The flowers, faire Ladies, and thy steps, no more
 Then a delightfull measure or a dance,
 For gnarling sorrow hath lesse power to bite,
 The man that mocks at it, and sets it light,

Bul. Oh who can hold a fier in his hand,
 By thinking on the frosty Caucasus?
 Or cloy the hungry edge of appetite,
 By bare imagination of a feast?
 Or wallow naked in December snow,
 By thinking on fantasticke sommers heate?
 Oh no, the apprehension of the good,
 Giues but the greater feeling to the worse:
 Fell sorrowes tooth doth neuer ranckle more,
 Then when he bites, but launceth not the soare.
Gaun. Come come my sonne Ile bring thee on thy way,
 Had I thy youth and cause, I would not stay.

Bul. Then Englands ground farewell, sweet soile adiew,
 My mother and my nurse that beares me yet,
 Where eare I wander boast of this I can,
 Though banisht, yet a true borne English man. *Exeunt.*

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*Enter the King with Bushie, &c at one dore, and the
 Lord Aumarle at another.*

King We did obserue. Coosen Aumarle,
 How far brought you high Hereford on his way?
Aum. I brought high Herford, if you call him so,
 But to the next high way, and there I left him.

King And say, what store of parting teares were shed?

Aum. Faith none for me, except the Northeast winde,
 Which then blew bitterly against our faces,
 Awakt the sleeping rhowme, and so by chance
 Did grace our hollow parting with a teare

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King What said our cousin when you parted with him?

Aum. Farewel, & for my hart disdained that my tongue
Should so prophane the word that taught me craft,
To counterfaite oppression of such grieve,
That words seemd buried in my sorrowes graue:
Marry would the word Farewel haue lengthned howers,
And added yeares to his short banishment,
He should haue had a volume of farewels:
But since it would not, he had none of me.

King. He is our Coosens Cousin, but tis doubt,
When time shall call him home from banishment,
Whether our kinsman come to see his friends.

Our selfe and Bushie,
Obscured his courtship to the common people,
How he did seeme to diue into their harts,
With humble and familiar courtesie,

What reuerence he did throw away on slaues,
Wooing poore craftsmen with the craft of smiles
And patient vnder-bearing of his fortune,
As twere to banish their affects with him,
Off goes his bonnet to an oysterwench.

A brace of draimen bid, God speed him wel,
And had the tribute of his supple knee,
With thanks my countrey men my louing friendes,
As were our England in reuerfion his,
And he our subiects next degree in hope.

Greene. Wel, he is gone; and with him go these thoughts,
Now for the rebels which stand out in Ireland,
Expedient mannage must be made my liege,
Ere further leysure yeeld them further meanes,
For their aduantage and your highnes losse.

King. VVe will our selfe in person to this warre,
And for our coffers with too great a court,
And liberall larges are growen somewhat light,
VVe are inforst to farm our royall Realme,
The reuenew whereof shall furnish vs,
For our affaires in hand if that come short,

Our

King Richard the second.

Our substitutes at home shall haue blanke charters,
 Whereto, when they shal know what men are rich,
 They shal subscribe them for large summes of gold,
 And send them after to supply our wants,
 For we will make for Ireland presently.

Enter Bushie with newes.

Bush. Olde Iohn of Gaunt is grieuous sicke my Lord,
 Sodainely taken, and hath sent post haste,
 To intreate your Maiestie to visite him.

King Where lies he?

Bush. At Ely house.

King. Now put it (God) in the Physitions mind,
 To help him to his graue immediatly:
 The lining of his coffers shall make coates
 To decke our souldiers for these Irish warres.
 Come gentlemen, lets all go visite him,
 Pray God we may make haste and come too late,

Amen

Exeunt.

Enter Iohn of Gaunt sicke, with the duke of Yorke &c.

Gaunt. Wil the King come that I may breathe my last?
 In holosome counsell to his vnstaied youth.

Yorke Vex not your selfe, nor striue not with your breath,
 For all in vaine comes counsell to his care.

Gaunt. Oh but they say, the tongues of dying men,
 Inforce attention like deepe harmony:
 Where words are scarce they are seldome spent in vaine,
 For they breathe truth that breathe their wordes in paine:
 He that no more must say, is listened more
 Than they whom youth and ease haue taught to glose,
 More are mens ends markt than their liues before:
 The setting Sunne, and Musike at the close,

As the last taste of sweetes is sweetest last,
 Writ in remembrance more than things long past,
 Though Richard my liues counsell would not heare,
 My deaths sad tale may yet vndeafe his care.

Yorke No, it is stopt with other flattering soundes.

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As praises of whose taste the wise are found
 Lasciuious meeters, to whose venome sound
 The open eare of youth doth alwayes listen,
 Report of fashions in proude Italie,
 Whose maners still our tardy apish nation
 Limps after in base imitation:
 Where doth the world thrust forth a vanitie,
 Soit be new, theres no respect how vile,
 That is not quickly buzde into his eares?
 Then all too late comes Counsell to be heard,
 Where will doth mutiny with wits regard:
 Direct not him whose way himselve wil chuse,
 Tis breath thou lackst and that breath wilt thou loose.
Gaunt Me thinkes I am a prophet new inspirde,
 And thus expiring do foretell of him.
 His rash fierce blaze of ryot cannot last:
 For violent fires soone burne out themselues,
 Small shoures last long, but sodaine stormes are short:
 He tires betimes that spurs too fast betimes
 With cagre feeding foode doth choke the feeder,
 Light vanitie insatiate cormorant,
 Consuming meanes soone praies vpon it selfe:
 This royall throne of Kings, this sceptred Ile,
 This earth of maiestie, this seate of Mars,
 This other Eden, demy Paradice,
 This fortresse built by Nature for her selfe,
 Against infection and the hand of warre,
 This happy breede of men, this little world,
 This precious stone set in the siluer sea,
 Which serues it in the office of a wall,
 Or as moate defensue to a house,
 Against the enuie of lesse happier lands.
 This blessed plot, this earth, this realme, this England,
 This nurse, this teeming wombe of royall Kings,
 Feard by their breed, and famous by theyr byrth,
 Renowned for theyr deedes as far from home,
 For christian seruice, and true chiuallry,

King Richard the second.

56 As is the sepulchre in stubburne Iewry,
 Of the worlds ransome blessed Maries sonne:
 This land of such deare soules, this deere deere land,
 Deare for her reputation through the world,
 60 Is now leasde out; I dye pronouncing it,
 Like to a tenement or pelting Farme.
 England bound in with the triumphant sea,
 Whose rockie shoare beates backe the enuious siege
 64 Of watry Neptune, is now bound in with shame,
 With inckie blots, and rotten parchment bonds;
 That England that was wont to conquer others,
 Hath made a shamefull conquest of it selfe:
 68 Ah would the scandall vanish with my life,
 How happy then were my ensuing death?
Yorke The King is come, deale mildely with his youth,
 For young hot colts being ragde, do rage the more.

Enter King and Queene, &c.

72 *Queene* How fares our noble vnkle Lancaster?
King What comfort man? how ist with aged Gaunt?
Gaunt O how that name befits my composition!
 Old Gaunt indeede, and gaunt in being olde:
 76 Within me Griefe hath kept a tedious fast.
 And who abstaines from meate that is not gaunt?
 For sleeping England long time haue I watcht,
 Watching breedes leanenesse, leanenesse is all gaunt:
 80 The pleasure that some fathers feede vpon
 Is my strict fast; I meane my childrens lookes,
 And therein fasting hast thou made me gaunt:
 Gaunt am I for the graue, gaunt as a graue,
 Whose hollow wombe inherites naught but bones.
 84 *King* Can sicke men play so nicely with their names?
Gaunt No misery makes sport to mocke it selfe,
 Since thou dost seeke to kill my name in me,
 88 I mocke my name (great King) to flatter thee.
King Should dying men flatter with those that liue?
Gaunt No no, men liuing flatter those that die.

King

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King. Thou now a dying sayest thou flatterest me.

Gaunt. Oh no, thou diest, though I the sicker be.

King. I am in health, I breathe, and see thee ill.

Gaunt. Now he that made me knowes I see thee ill,
Ill in my selfe to see, and in thee, seeing ill.

Thy death-bed is no lesser than thy land.

Wherein thou liest in reputation sicke,

And thou too carelesse pacient as thou art

Commitst thy annoynted body to the cure

Of those Physitions that first wounded thee,

A thousand flatterers sit within thy Crowne,

Whose compasse is no bigger than thy head,

And yet intraged in so small a verge,

The waste is no whit lesser than thy land:

Oh had thy grandsire with a Prophets eie,

Seene how his sonnes sonne should destroy his sonnes,

From forth thy reach he would haue laid thy shame

Deposing thee before thou wert posselt,

Which art posselt now to depose thy selfe:

Why cousin wert thou regent of the world,

It were a shame to let this land by lease:

But for thy world enioying but this land,

Is it not more than shame to shame it so?

Landlord of England art thou now not, not King,

Thy state of lawe is bondslaue to the lawe,

And thou

King. A lunatike leane-witted foole,

Presuming on an agues priuiledge,

Darest with thy frozen admonition

Make pale our cheeke, chasing the royall bloud

With furie from his natieue residence.

Now by my seates right royall maiestie,

Wert thou not brother to great Edwards sonne,

This tong that runnes so roundly in thy head,

Should runne thy head from thy vnreuerent shoulders.

Gaunt. Oh spare me not my brothers Edwards sonne,

For that I was his father Edwards sonne,

That

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That blood already like the Pellican,
 Hast thou tapt out and drunkenly carowst,
 My brother Glocester plaine well meaning soule,
 Whom faire befall in heauen mongst happy soules,
 Maie be a president and witnes good:
 That thou respectst not spilling Edwards blood:
 Ioine with the present sicknes that I haue,
 And thy vnkindnes be like crooked age,
 To crop at once a too long withered flower,
 Liue in thy shame, but die not shame with thee,
 These words hereafter thy tormentors be,
 Conuay me to my bed then to my graue,
 Loue they to liue that loue and honour haue.

Exit.

King And let them die that age and fullens haue,
 For both hast thou and both become the graue.

Yorke I doe beseech your Maiesty, impute his words
 To waiward sicklines and age in him,
 He loues you on my life, and holdes you deere,
 As Harry Duke of Hereford were he here.

King Right, you say true, as Herefords loue, so his
 As theirs, so mine, and all be as it is. *(iestie.)*

North. My liege, old Gaunt commends him to your Ma-

King What saies he?

North. Nay nothing, all is said:

His tongue is now a stringlesse instrument,
 Words, life, and al, old Lancaster hath spent.

Yorke Be Yorke the next that must be bankrout so,
 Though death be poore, it ends a mortall wo.

King The ripest fruit first fals, and so doth he,
 His time is spent, our pilgrimage must be;
 So much for that. Now for our Irish wars,
 We must supplant those rough rugheaded kerne,
 Which liue like venome, where no venome else,
 But onely they haue priuledge to liue.

And for these great affaires do aske some charge,
 Towards our assistance we doe seaze to vs:

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The plate, coine, reuenewes, and moueables
Whereof our Vnckle Gaunt did stand possfest.

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164 *Yorke* How long shal I be patient? ah how long
Shall tender duty make me suffer wrong?
Not Glocesters death, nor Herefords banishment,
Nor Gauntes rebukes, nor Englands priuate wrongs,
Nor the preuention of poore Bullingbrooke,
168 About his mariadge, nor my owne disgrace,
Haue euer made me sower my patient checke,
Or bende one wrinkle on my soueraignes face:
I am the last of noble Edwards sonnes,
172 Of whom thy father Prince of Wales was first
† In warre was neuer Lyon ragde more fierce,
In peace was neuer gentle lambe more milde,
Then was that young and princely Gentleman:
176 His face thou hast, for euen so lookt he,
† Accomplisht with a number of thy howers;
But when he frowned it was against the french,
And not against his friends: his noble hand
180 Did win what he did spende, and spent not that
† Which his triumphant fathers hand had wonne:
His hands were guilty of no kinred bloud,
But bloudie with the enemies of his kinne:
184 Oh Richard: *Yorke* is too far gone with griefe,
Or else he neuer would compare betweene.

King Why Vnckle whats the matter?

188 *Yorke* Oh my liege, pardone me if you please,
If not I pleasd not to be pardoned, am content with all,
Seeke you to seaze and gripe into your hands
The roialties and rights of banisht Hereford:
Is not Gaunt dead? and doth not Hereford liue?
192 Was not Gaunt iust? and is not Harrie true?
Did not the one deserue to haue an heire?
Is not his heire a well deseruing sonne?
Take Herefordes rightes away, and take from time
196 His charters, and his customarie rightes;
Let not to morrow then ensue to daie:
Be not thy selfe. For how art thou a King

But

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But by faire sequence and succession?
 Now afore God God forbidde I lay true,
 If you doe wrongfully seaze Herefords rightes,
 Call in the letters patents that he hath
 By his attourneies generall to sue

His liuery, and deny his offred homage,
 You plucke a thousand dangers on your head,
 You loose a thousand well disposed hearts,
 And pricke my tender patience to those thoughts,
 Which honour, and alleageance cannot thinke.

King Thinke what you wil, we cease into our hands
 His plate, his goods, his money and his landes.

Yorke Ile not be by the while, my liege farewell,
 What will ensue hercof thers none can tell:
 But by bad courses may be vnderstood

That their euent can neuer fall out good. *Exit.*

King Go Bushie to the Earle of Wiltshire straight,
 Bid him repaire to vs to Ely house,

To see this busines: to morrow next
 We will for Ireland, and tis time I trow,
 And we create in absence of our selfe,
 Our Vnckle Yorke Lord gouernour of England;
 For he is iust, and alwaies loued vs well:
 Come on our Queene, to morrow must we part,
 Be merry, for our time of staie is short.

Exeunt King and Queene: Manet North

North. Well Lords, the Duke of Lancaster is dead.

Rosse And liuing to, for now his sonne is Duke.

Will. Barely in title, not in reuenewes.

North. Richly in both if iustice had her right,

Rosse My heart is great, but it must breake with silence,
 Eart be disburdened with a liberall tongue,

North. Nay speake thy mind, & let him nere speake more
 That speakes thy words againe to doe thee harme. (*ford*

Wil. Tends that thou wouldst speake to the Duke of Her
 If it be so, out with it boldly man.

Quicke is mine eare to heare of good towards him.

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Rosse No good at all that I can doe for him,
Vnlesse you call it good to pittie him,
Bereft, and gelded of his patrimony.

North. Now afore God tis shame such wrongs are borne,
In him a royall Prince and many mo,
Of noble bloud in this declining land,
The King is not himselfe, but basely led
By flatterers, and what they will informe,
Meerely in hate gainst any of vs all,
That will the King seuerely prosecute,
Gainst vs, our liues, our children, and our heires.

Rosse The commons hath he pild with grieuous taxes,
And quite lost their hearts. The nobles hath he finde,
For ancient quarrels and quite lost their hearts.

Will. And daily new exactions are deuise,
As blancket, beneuolences, and I wot not what:
But what a Gods name doth become of this?

North. Wars hath not wasted it, for warrde he hath not,
But basely yeelded vpon compromise,
That which his noble auncestors atchiued with blowes,
More hath he spent in peace then they in wars.

Rosse The Earle of Wiltshire hath the realme in farme.

Will. The King growen banckrout like a broken man,

North. Reproch and dissolution hangeth ouer him.

Rosse He hath not money for these Irish wars,
His burthenous taxations notwithstanding,
But by the robbing of the banisht Duke.

North. His noble kinsman most degenerate King,
But Lords we heare this fearefull tempest sing,
Yet seeke no shelter to auoid the storme:
We see the wind sit sore vpon our sailes,
And yet we strike not, but securely perish.

Rosse We see the very wracke that we must suffer,
And vnauoided is the danger now
For suffering so the causes of our wracke.

North. Not so, euen through the hollow eies of death,
I spie life peering but I dare not say,

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How neere the tidings of our comfort is.

Wil. Nay let vs share thy thoughts as thou dost ours.

Rosse Be confident to speake Northumberland
We three are but thy selfe, and speaking so

Thy words are but as thoughts, therefore be bold.

North. Then thus, I haue from le Port Blan

A Bay in Brittain receiude intelligence,

That Harry duke of Herford, Rainold L. Cobham

That late broke from the Duke of Exeter

His brother, archbishop late of Canterburie,

Sir Thomas Erpingham, sir Iohn Ramston,

Sir Iohn Norbery, sir Robert Waterton, and Francis Coines;

All these well furnished by the Duke of Brittain

With eight tall shippes, three thousand men of warre,

Are making hither with all due expedience,

And shortly meane to touch our Northerne shore:

Perhaps they had ere this, but that they stay

The first departing of the King for Ireland.

If then we shall shake off our slauiish yoke,

Impe out our drowning countries broken wing,

Redeeme from Broking pawne the blemisht Crowne,

Wipe off the dust that hides our Scepters guilt,

And make high Maiestie look like it selfe,

Away with me in post to Rauenspurgh:

But if you faint, as fearing to do so,

Stay, and be secret, and my selfe will go.

Rosse To horse, to horse, vrge doubts to them that feare.

Will. Holde out my horse, and I will first be there.

Exeunt.

Enter the Queene, Bushie, Bagot.

Bush. Madam, your maiestie is too much sad,

You promist, when you parted with the King,

To lay aside life-harming heauines,

And entertaine a cheerefull disposition.

Queene To please the king I did, to please my selfe

I cannot do it; yet I know no cause

Why I should welcome such a guest as Griefe,

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8 Saue bidding farewell to so sweete a guest,
 As my sweete Richard : yet agayne me thinkes
 Some vnborne sorrow ripe in Fortunes wombe,
 12 Is comming towardes me and my inward soule,
 With nothing trembles, at something it grieues,
 More then with parting from my Lord the King.

Bushie Each substance of a griefe hath twenty shadowes,
 Which shewes like griefe it selfe, but is not so:
 ¶ 16 For Sorrowes eyes glazed with blinding teares,
 Diuides one thing entire to many obiects,
 Like perspectiues, which rightly gazde vpon
 20 Shew nothing but confusion; eyde awry,
 Distinguish forme : so your sweet maiestie,
 Looking awry vpon your Lords departure,
 Finde shapes of griefe more than himselfe to waile,
 Which lookt on as it is, is naught but shadows
 ¶ 24 Of what it is not; then thrice (gracious Queene)
 More then your Lords departure weep not, more is not seen
 Or if it be, tis with false Sorrowes eye,
 ¶ Which for things true, weepes things imaginarie.

28 *Queene* It may be so; but yet my inward soule
 Perswades me it is otherwise : how ere it be,
 I cannot but be sad : so heauie sad,
 ¶ As thought on thinking on no thought I thinke,
 32 Makes me with heauy nothing faint and shrinke.

¶ *Bush.* Tis nothing but conceit my gracious Lady.

36 *Queene* Tis nothing lesse: conceit is still deriude,
 From some forefather griefe, mine is not so,
 For nothing hath begot my something griefe,
 Or something hath the nothing that I grieue,
 Tis in reuersion that I do possesse,
 But what it is that is not yet knowen what,
 40 I cannot name, tis namelesse woe I wot.

> ¶ *Greene* God saue your maiesty, and well met Gentlemen,
 I hope the King is not yet shipt for Ireland.

44 *Queene* Why hopest thou so? tis better hope he is,
 For his designes craue haste, his haste good hope:
 Then wherefore dost thou hope he is not shipt?

Greene

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Greene That he our hope might haue retirde his power,
And driuen into despaire an enemies hope,
Who strongly hath set footing in this land,
The banisht Bullingbrooke repeales himselfe,
And with vplifted armes is safe ariude at Rauenspurgh.

Queene Now God in heauen forbid.

Greene Ah Madam! tis too true, and that is worse:
The lord Northumberland, his son yong H. Percie,
The lords of Rosse, Beaumont, and Willoughby,
With all their powerful friends are fled to him. ..

Bush. Why haue you not proclaimd Northumberland
And al the rest reuolted faction, traitours?

Greene We haue, whereupon the earle of Worcester
Hath broken his Staffe, resignd his Stewardship,
And al the household seruants fled with him to Bullingbrook

Queene So Greene, thou art the midwife to my woe,
And Bullingbrooke my sorowes dismall heire,
Now hath my soule brought forth her prodigie,
And I a gasping new deliuerd mother,
Haue woe to woe, sorow to sorow ioynde

Bushie Dispaire not Madam.

Queene Who shall hinder me?
I will dispaire and be at enmitie

With cousening Hope, he is a flatterer,
A parasite, a keeper backe of Death,
Who gently would dissolue the bands of life,
VVhich false Hope lingers in extremitie.

Greene Here comes the Duke of Yorke.

Queene VVith signes of war about his aged necke,
Oh ful of carefull busines are his lookes!
Vncle, for Gods sake speake comfortable wordes.

Yorke Should I do so I should bely my thoughts,
Comfort's in heauen, and we are on the earth,
VVhere nothing liues but crosses, cares and griefe:
Your husband, he is gone to saue far off,
VVhilst others come to make him loose at home:
Heere am I left to vnderprop his land,

VVho

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Who weake with age cannot support my selfe,
 Now comes the sicke houre that his surfet made,
 Now shall he trie his friends that flattered him.

Seruingman My Lord, your son was gone before I came.

Yorke He was; why so go all which way it will:

The nobles they are fled, the commons they are colde,
 And will (I feare) reuolt on Herefords side.

Sirra, get thee to Plashie to my sifter Glocester,
 Bid her send me presently a thousand pound,

Hold take my ring.

Seruingman My Lord, I had forgot to tel your Lordship:

To day as I came by I called there,
 But I shall grieue you to report the rest.

Yorke What ist knaue?

Seruingman An houre before I came the Dutchesse died.

Yorke God for his mercy, what a tide of woes

Comes rushing on this wofull land at once!

I know not what to do: I would to God,

(So my vntruth had not prouokt him to it)

The King had cut off my head with my brothers.

What are there no Posts dispatcht for Ireland?

How shal we do for money for these wars?

Come sifter, cousin I would say, pray pardon me:

Go fellow get thee home, prouide some cartes,

And bring away the armour that is there.

Gentlemen, will you go muster men?

If I know how or which way to order these affayres

Thus disorderly thrust into my hands,

Neuer beleeeue me: both are my kinsmen,

Tone is my soueraigne, whom both my oath

And duty bids defend; tother againe

Is my kinsman, whom the King hath wrongd,

Whom conscience, and my kinred bids to right.

Wel somewhat we must do: Come cousin,

Ile dispose of you: Gentlemen, go muster vp your men,

And meete me presently at Barkly:

I should to Plashie too, but time wil not permit:

All

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All is vneuen, and euery thing is left at fixe and seauen.

Exeunt Duke, Qu. man Bush, Green.

Bush. The winde sits faire for newes to go for Ireland,
But none returns. For vs to leuie power
Proportionable to the enemy is all vnpossible.

Gree. Besides our neerenes to the King in loue,
Is neare the hate of those loue not the King.

Bag. And that is the wauering commons, for their loue
Lies in their purses, and who so empties them,
By so much fills their hearts with deadly hate.

Bush. Wherein the King stands generally condemnd.

Bag. If iudgment lie in them, then so do we,
Because we euer haue beene neere the King.

Gree. Well I will for refuge straight to Brist. Castle,
The Earle of Wiltshire is already there.

Bush. Thither will I with you, for little office
Will the hatefull commons perforce for vs,
Except like curs to teare vs all to pieces:
Will you go along with vs?

Bag. No, I will to Ireland to his Maiesty,
Farewell if hearts presages be not vaine,
We three here part that nere shall meete againe.

Bush. That as Yorke thriues to beat backe Bullingbrook.

Gree. Alas poore Duke the taske he vndertakes,
Is numbring sands, and drinking Oceans drie,
Where one on his side fights, thousands will flie:
Farewell at once, for once, for all, and euer.

Bush. Well, we may meete againe.

Bag. I feare me neuer.

Enter Hereford, Northumberland.

Bull. How far is it my Lord to Barckly now?

North. Beleeue me noble Lord,

I am a stranger here in Gloucestershire,
These high wild hills and rough vneuen waies,
Drawes out our miles and makes them wearisome,
And yet your faire discourse hath beene as sugar,
Making the hard way sweete and delectable.

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But I bethinke me what a weary way
 From Rauenspurgh to Cotshall will be found,
 In Rosse and Willoughby wanting your company,
 Which I protest hath very much beguild,
 The tediousnesse and proceesse of my trauell,
 But theirs is sweetned with the hope to haue
 The present benefit which I possesse,
 And hope to ioy is little lesse in ioye,
 Then hope enioyed: by this the weary Lords
 Shall make their way seeme short as mine hath done,
 By sight of what I haue, your noble company.

Bull. Of much lesse value is my company,
 Then your good wordes. But who comes here?

Enter Harry Persie.

North. It is my sonne young Harry Persy,
 Sent from my brother Worcester whencesoeuer.

Harry, how fares your Vnckle? (of you.)

H. Per. I had thought my Lord to haue learned his health

North. Why is he not with the Queene?

H. Per. No my good Lord, he hath forsooke the court,
 Broken his staffe of office and disperst
 The household of the King,

North. What was his reason, he was not so resolute,
 When last we spake together?

H. Per. Because your Lo: was proclaimed traitor,
 But he my Lo: is gone to Rauenspurgh,
 To offer seruice to the Duke of Hereford,
 And sent me ouer by Barckly to discouer,
 What power the Duke of Yorke had leuied there,
 Then with directions to repaire to Rauenspurgh.

North. Haue you forgot the Duke of Herefords boy?

H. Per. No my good Lo: for that is not forgot,
 Which nere I did remember, to my knowledge
 I neuer in my life did looke on him.

North. Then learne to know him now, this is the Duke.

H. Per. My gracious Lo: I tender you my seruice,
 Such as it is, being tender, raw, and young,
 Which elder daies shal ripen and confirme

To

King Richard the second.

To more approued seruice and desert.

Bull. I thanke thee gentle Perfy, and be sure,
I count my selfe in nothing else so happy,
As in a soule remembring my good friends,
And as my fortune ripens with thy loue,
It shalbe still thy true loues recompence,
My heart this couenant makes, my hand thus seales it.

North. How farre is it to Barckly, and what stir
Keepes good old Yorke there with his men of war?

H. Per. There stands the Castle by yon tuft of trees,
Mand with 300. men as I haue heard,
And in it are the Lords of Yorke Barkly and Seymer,
None else of name and noble estimate.

North. Here come the Lords of Rosse and Willoughby,
Bloudy with spurring, fiery red with haste.

Bull. VVeicome my Lords, I wot your loue pursues,
A banisht traitor: all my treasury
Is yet but vnfelt thanks, which more inricht,
Shalbe your loue and labours recompence.

Rosse Your presence makes vs rich, most noble Lord.

Wil. And far surmounts our labour to attaine it.

Bul. Euermore thanke's the exchequer of the poore.
VWhich till my infant fortune comes to yeares,
Stands for my bounty: but who comes here?

North. It is my Lord of Barkly as I guesse.

Barkly My Lord of Hereford my message is to you.

Bul. My Lord my answere is to Lancaster,
And I am come to seeke that name in England,
And I must find that title in your tongue,
Before I make reply to ought you say.

Bar. Mistake me not my Lord, tis not my meaning,
To race one title of your honor out:
To you my Lo: I come, what Lo: you will,
From the most gracious regent of this land
The Duke of Yorke: to know what prickes you on,
To take aduantage of the absent time,
And fright our natiue peace with selfe borne armes?

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Bull. I shall not need transport my words by you,
Here comes his grace in person, my noble Vnckle.

Torke Shew me thy humble heart, and not thy knee,
Whose duety is deceiueable and false.

Bull. My gracious Vnckle.

Tor. Tut tut, grace me no grace, nor vnckle me no vnckle,
I am no traitors Vnckle, and that word Grace

In an vngracious mouth is but prophane:

Why haue those banisht and forbidden legs,
Dard once to touch a dust of Englands ground:

But then more why? why haue they dard to march
So many miles vpon her peacefull bosome.

Frighting her pale fac't villadges with warre,
And ostentation of despised armes?

Comst thou because the annoited king is hence?

Why foolish boy the King is left behinde,

And in my loiall bosome lies his power,

Were I but now Lord of such hot youth,

As when braue Gaunt thy father and my selfe,

Rescued the blacke prince that young Mars of men.

From forth the ranckes of many thousand french,

O then how quickly should this arme of mine,

Now prisoner to the Palsie chastise thee,

And minister correction to thy fault!

Bull. My gracious Vnckle let me know my fault,
On what condition stands it and wherein?

Torke Euen in condition of the worst degree,

In grosse rebellion and detested treason,

Thou art a banisht man and here art come,

Before the expiration of thy time,

In brauing armes against thy soueraigne.

Bull. As I was banisht, I was banisht Hereford,

But as I come, I come for Lancaster,

And noble Vnckle I beseech your grace,

Looke on my wrongs with an indifferent eie:

You are my father, for me thinkes in you

I see old Gaunt aliue. Oh then my father,

King Richard the second.

Will you permit that I shall stand condemnd
 A wandering vagabond, my rights and royalties
 Pluckt from my armes perforce; and giuen away
 To vpstart vnthrists; wherefore was I borne?
 If that my cousin King be King in England,
 It must be granted I am duke of Lancaster:
 You haue a sonne, Aumerle, my noble cousin,
 Had you first died, and he bin thus trod downe,
 He should haue found his vncl Gaunt a father,
 To rowze his wrongs and chase them to the baie.
 I am denyed to sue my Liuary here,
 And yet my letters pattents giue me leaue.
 My fathers goods are all distrainde and sold,
 And these, and all, are all amisse employed.
 What would you haue me do? I am a subiect;
 And I challenge law, Atturnies are denied me,
 And therefore personally I lay my claime
 To my inheritance offree descent.

North. The noble Duke hath bin too much abused.

Rosse It stands your Grace vpon to do him right.

Will. Base men by his endowments are made great.

Yorke My Lords of England, let me tell you this:

I haue had feeling of my cousins wrongs,
 And labourd all I could to do him right:
 But in this kind to come, in brauing armes
 Be his owne caruer, and cut out his way,
 To finde out right wyth wrong it may not be:
 And you that do abette him in this kinde,
 Cherish rebellion, and are rebels all.

North. The noble Duke hath sworne his comming is,
 But for his owne; and for the right of that,
 We al haue strongly sworne to giue him ayde:
 And let him neuer see ioy that breakes that oath.

Yorke Wel wel, I see the issue of these armes,
 I cannot mend it I must needs confesse,
 Because my power is weake and all ill left:
 But if I could, by him that gaue me life,

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156 I would attach you all, and make you stoope
 Vnto the foueraigne mercie of the king;
 But since I cannot, be it knowen vnto you,
 I do remaine as newter, so fare you well,
 160 Vnlesse you please to enter in the castle,
 And there repose you for this night.

Bull. An offer vncle that we will accept,
 But we must winne your Grace to go with vs,
 164 To Bristow castle, which they say is held
 By Bushie, Bagot, and their complices,
 The caterpillers of the commonwealth,
 Which I haue sworne to weede and plucke away.

168 *Torke* It may be I will go with you, but yet Ile pawse.
 For I am loath to breake our countries lawes.
 Nor friends, nor foes to me welcome you are:
 Things past redresse, are now with me past care. *Exeunt.*

Enter erle of Salisbury and a Welch captaine.

Welch. My lord of Salisbury, we haue stayed ten dayes.
 And hardly kept our countrymen together,
 And yet we heare no tidings from the King,
 Therefore we will disperse our selues, farewell.

Salisf. Stay yet an other day, thou trustie Welchman.
 The King reposeth all his confidence in thee.

Welch. Tis thought the King is dead; we wil not stay,
 The bay trees in our country are al witherd,
 And Meteors fright the fixed starres of heauen,
 The pale-facde moone lookes bloudie on the earth,
 And leane-lookt prophets whisper fearefull change,
 12 Rich men looke sad, and ruffians daunce and leape,
 The one in feare to loose what they enioy,
 The other to enioy by rage and warre:

These signes forerunne the death or fall of Kings.
 Fare well, our countrymen are gone and fled,
 As well assured Richard their King is dead.

Salisf. Ah Richard! with the eies of heauy mind
 I see thy glory like a shooting starre

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20 Fall to the base earth from the firmament,
 Thy sunne sets weeping in the lowly west,
 Witnessing stormes to come, wo, and vnrest,
 Thy friends are fled to wait vpon thy foes,
 24 And crosly to thy good all fortune goes.

*Enter Duke of Hereford, Yorke, Northumberland,
 Bushie and Greene prisoners.*

Bull. Bring forth these men.

Bushie and Greene, I will not vex your soules,
 Since presently your soules must part your bodies
 4 With too much vrging your pernicious liues,
 Fortwere no charitie; yet to wash your blood
 From off my hands, heere in the view of men
 I will vnfold some causes of your deaths:
 8 You haue missed a Prince, a royall King,
 A happy Gentleman in blood and lineaments,
 By you unhappied, and disfigured cleane,
 You haue in manner with your sinfull houres
 12 Made a diuorce betwixt his Queene and him,
 Broke the possession of a royall bed,
 And staine the beutie of a faire Queenes cheekes
 With teares, drawn from her eies by your fowle wrongs,
 16 My selfe a Prince, by fortune of my birth,
 Neere to the King in blood, and neere in loue,
 Till you did make him misinterpret me,
 Haue slooped my necke vnder your iniuries,
 20 And sigh't my English breath in forren cloudes,
 Eating the bitter bread of banishment,
 Whilst you haue fed vpon my seignories,
 Disparkt my parkes, and felld my Forrest woods,
 24 From my owne windowes torne my household coate,
 Rac't out my impreece, leauing me no signe,
 Saue mens opinions, and my liuing blood,
 To shew the world I am a gentleman.
 28 This and much more, much more then twice all this
 Condemns you to the death: see them deliuered ouer
 To execution and the hand of death.

Bushie

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Bush. More welcome is the stroke of death to me,
Than Bullingbrooke to England, Lords farewell.

Greene My comfort is, that heauen will take our soules,
And plague iniustice with the paines of hell.

Bul. My Lord Northumberland, see them dispatcht:
Vncle, you say the Queene is at your house,
For Gods sake fairely let her be intreated,
Tel her I send to her my kinde commends;
Take special care my greetings be deliuered.

Yorke A gentleman of mine I haue dispatcht,
With letters of your loue to her at large.

Bul. Thankes (gentle vncle:) Come Lords, away,
To fight with Glendor and his complices,
A while to worke, and after holiday. *Exeunt.*

III.ii.

Enter the King, Aumerle, Carleil, &c.

King Barkloughly castle call they this at hand?

Aum. Yea my Lord, How brookes your Grace the ayre
After your late tosing on the breaking seas?

King Needes must I like it well. I weepe for ioy.
To stand vpon my kingdome once againe:
Deere earth I do salute thee with my hand,
Though rebels wound thee with their horses hoofes:
As a long parted mother with her childe
Playes fondly with her teares and smiles in meeting;
So weeping, smiling greete I thee my earth,
And do thee fauours with my royall hands;
Feede not thy Soueraignes foe, my gentle earth,
Nor with thy sweetes comfort his rauinous sence,
But let thy Spiders that sucke vp thy venome,
And heauy-gated toades lie in theyr way,
Doing annoyance to the treacherous feete,
Which with vsurping steps do trample thee,
Yeeelde stinging nettles to mine enemies:
And when they from thy bosome plucke a flower,
Guard it I pray thee with a lurking Adder,
Whose double tongue may wyth a mortall touch,

Throw

King Richard the second.

Throwe death vpon thy soueraignes enemies.
 Mocke not my senceles coniuration Lords,
 This earth shall haue a feeling, and these stones,
 Proue armed souldiers ere her natie King,
 Shall faulter vnder foule rebellions armes.

Carl. Feare not my Lord, that power that made you king,
 Hath power to keepe you king in spight of all,
 The meanes that heauens yeeld must be imbrac't
 And not neglected. Else heauen would,
 And we will not, heauens offer, we refuse,
 The profered meanes of succors and redresse.

Aum. He meanes my Lo: that we are too remisse,
 Whilst Bullingbrooke through our security,
 Growes strong and great in substance and in power.

King Discomfortable Coosen knowst thou not,
 That when the searching eie of heauen is hid,
 Behinde the globe that lights the lower world,
 Then theeues and robbers range abroad vnscene,
 In murthers and in outrage bouldy here,
 But when from vnder this terrestriall ball,
 He fires the proud tops of the easterne pines,
 And dartes his light through euery guilty hole,
 Then murthers, treasons and detested sinnes,
 The cloake of night being pluckt from off their backs,
 Stand bare and naked trembling at themselues?
 So when this thiefe, this traitor Bullingbrooke,
 Who all this while hath reueld in the night,
 Whilst we were wandring with the Antipodes,
 Shall see vs rising in our throne the east,
 His treasons will sit blushing in his face,
 Not able to endure the sight of day,
 But selfe affrighted tremble at his sinne,
 Not all the water in the rough rude sea,
 Can wash the balme off from an annointed King,
 The breath of worldly men cannot depose,
 The deputy elected by the Lord,
 For euery man that Bullingbrooke hath prest,

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To lifte shrewd Steele against our golden crowne,
 God for his Ric: hath in heavenly pay,
 A glorious Angell; then if Angels fight,
 Weake men must fall, for heauen still gardes the right.

Enter Salisb.

King Welcome my Lo: how far off lies your power?

Salis. Nor neare nor farther off my gracious Lo:
 Than this weake arme; discomfort guides my tongue,
 And bids me speake of nothing but Despaire,
 One day too late I feare me noble Lo:

Hath clouded all thy happy daies on earth:
 O call backe yesterday, bid Time returne,
 And thou shalt haue twelue thousand fighting men,
 To day to day vnhappy daie too late,
 ouerthrowes thy ioies friends, fortune and thy state,
 For all the Welshmen hearing thou wert dead,
 Are gone to Bullingbrooke disperst and fled.

Aum. Comfort my liege, why lookes your grace so pale.

King But now the bloud of 20000. men,
 Did triumph in my face, and they are fled.
 And till so much bloud thither come againe,
 Haue I not reason to looke pale and dead?
 All soules that wilbe safe, flie from my side,
 For time hath set a blot vpon my pride.

Aum. Comfort my liege remember who you are.

King I had forgot my selfe, am I not King?
 Awake thou coward Maiesty thou sleepest.
 Is not the Kings name twenty thousand names?
 Arme arme, my name a puny subiect strikes,
 At thy great glorie, looke not to the ground,
 Ye fauourites of a King, are we not high?
 High be our thoughts, I know my Vnckle Yorke,
 Hath power enough to serue our turne: but who comes here?

Enter Scroope.

Scro. More health and happines betide my liege,
 Then can my care tunde tongue deliuer him.

King Mine eare is open, and my hart prepard,

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King Richard the secona.

The worst is worldly losse thou canst vnfold,
 Say, is my kingdome lost? why twas my care,
 And what losse is it to be rid of care?

Striues Bullingbrooke to be as great as we,
 Greater he shall not be, if he serue God,
 Weele serue him to, and be his fellow so:

Reuolt our subiects, that we cannot mende,
 They breake their faith to God as well as vs:
 Crie woe, destruction, ruine, and decay,

The worst is death, and death will haue his day.

Scro. Glad am I, that your highnes is so armde,

To beare the tidings of calamity,

Like an vnseasonable stormie day,

Which makes the siluer riuers drowne their shores,

As if the world were all dissolude to teares:

So high about his limits swels the rage

Of Bullingbrooke couering your fearefull land,

With hard bright steele, and harts harder then steele,

White beards haue armd their thin and haireles scalpes

Against thy maiesty: boies with womens voices,

Striue to speake big and clap their femal ioints,

In stiffe vnweildy armes against thy crowne,

Thy very beardsmen learne to bend their bowes,

Of double fatall ewe against thy state,

Yea distaffe women mannage rustie bils

Against thy seate, both young and old rebell,

And all goes worse then I haue power to tell.

King Too well too well thou telst a tale so ill,

Where is the Earle of Wiltshire? where is Bagot?

What is become of Bushie? where is Greene?

That they haue let the dangerous enemy,

Measure our confines with such peacefull steps,

If we preuaile, their heads shall pay for it:

I warrant they haue made peace with Bulling.

Scro. Peace haue they made with him indeed my Lord.

King Oh villaines, vipers, damnd without redemption,

Dogs easly wooon to fawne on any man.

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Snakes in my hart blood warmd, that sting my hart,
 Three Iudasses, each one thrife worse then Iudas,
 Would they make peace? terrible hel,
 Make war vpon their spotted soules for this.

Scro. Sweet loue I see changing his property,
 Turnes to the fowrest and most deadly hate,
 Againe, vncurse their soules, their peace is made
 With heads and not with hands, those whom you curse
 Haue felt the worst of deathes destroying wound,
 And lie full low grau'd in the hollow ground.

Am. Is Bushie, Greene, and the Earle of Wiltshire dead.

Scro. I all of them at Bristow lost their heads.

Am. Where is the Duke my father with his power?

King No matter where, of comfort no man speake:

Lets talke of graues, of wormes, and Epitaphs,
 Make dust our paper, and with rainy eies,
 Write sorrow on the bosome of the earth.

Lets choose executors and talke of wils:
 And yet not so, for what can we bequeath,
 Saue our deposed bodies to the ground?

Our landes, our liues, and all are Bullingbrookes,

And nothing can we call our owne, but death:

And that small modle of the barren earth,
 Which serues as paste, and couer to our bones,

For Gods sake let vs sit vpon the ground,

And tell sad stories of the death of Kings,

How some haue beene deposed, some slaine in warre,

Some haunted by the ghosts they haue deposed,
 Some poisoned by their wiues, some sleeping kild.

All murdered, for within the hollow crowne

That roundes the mortall temples of a king,

Keepes death his court, and there the antique sits,

Scoffing his state and grinning at his pompe,

Allowing him a breath, a litle sceane,

To monarchise be feard, and kil with lookes,

Infusing him with selfe and vaine conceit,

As if this flesh which wals about our life,

Were brasse impregnable: and humord thus,

Comes

King Richard the second.

Comes at the last, and with a little pin
 Boares thorough his Castle wall, and farewell King;
 Couer your heades, and mocke not flesh and bloud,
 With solemne reuerence, throw a way respect,
 Tradition, forme, and ceremonious duetie,
 For you haue but mistooke me al this while:
 I liue with bread like you, feelee want,
 Taste grieffe, neede friends, subiected thus,
 How can you say to me, I am a King?

Carleil My lord, wisemen nere fit and waile theyr woes,
 But presently preuent the wayes to waile,
 To feare the foe, since feare oppresseth strength,
 Giues in your weakenes strength vnto your foe,
 And so your follies fight against your selfe:
 Feare and be slaine, no worse can come to fight,
 And fight and die, is death destroying death,
 Where fearing dying, paies death seruile breath.
Aum. My father hath a power, inquire of him,
 And learne to make a body of a limme.

King Thou chidst me well, prowd Bullingbrooke, I come
 To change blowes with thee for our day of doome:
 This age w fit of feare is ouerblowne,
 An easie taske it is to winne our owne.
 Say Scroope, where lies our vncke with his power?
 Speake sweetely man although thy lookes be fower.

Scroope Men iudge by the complexion of the skie,
 The state and inclination of the day;
 So may you by my dull and heauy eie:
 My tongue hath but a heauier tale to say,
 I play the torturer by small and small
 To lengthen out the worst that must be spoken:
 Your vncke Yorke is ioyned with Bullingbrooke,
 And all your Northerne castles yeilded vp,
 And all your Southerne Gentlemen in armes
 Vpon his partie.

King Thou hast said enough:
 Beshrew thee cousin which didst leade me foorth

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Of that sweete way I was in to dispaire.
 What say you now? what comfort haue we now?
 By heauen Ile hate him euerlastingly,
 That bids me be of comfort any more.
 Go to Flint Castle, there Ile pine away,
 A King woes slaue shall kingly woe obey:
 That power I haue, discharge, and let them goe
 To eare the land that hath some hope to grow,
 For I haue none, let no man speake againe,
 To alter this, for counsell is but vaine.

Aum. My Liege, one word.

King He does me double wrong,
 That wounds me with the flatteries of his tong.
 Discharge my followers, let them hence away,
 From Richards night, to Bullingbrookes faire day.

Enter Bull. Yorke, North.

Bull. So that by this intelligence we learne
 The Welch men are disperst, and Salisburie
 Is gone to meete the King, who lately landed
 With some few priuate friends vpon this coast.

North. The newes is very faire and good my lord,
 Richard not farre from hence hath hid his head.

Yorke It would befeeme the Lord Northumberland
 To say King Richard; alacke the heauy day,
 When such a sacred King should hide his head.

North. Your Grace mistakes; onely to be brieft
 Left I his title out.

Yorke The time hath bin, would you haue beene so brieft
 He would haue bin so brieft to shorten you, (with him,
 For taking so the head your whole heads length:

Bull. Mistake not (vncke) further then you should.

Yorke Take not (good cousin) further then you should,
 Left you mistake the heauens are ouer our heads.

Bull. I know it vncke, and oppose not my selfe,
 Against their will. But, who comes here? *Enter Percie.*
 Welcome Harry; what, will not this castle yeelde?

H. Per. The Castle royally is mand my Lord.

Against

King Richard the second.

Against thy entrance.

Bull. Royally, why it contains no King.

H.Per. Yes(my good Lord,)

It doth containe a King, King Richard lies
Within the limites of yon lime and stone,
And with him are the Lord Aumerle, Lord Salisbury,
Sir Stephen Scroope, besides a cleargie man
Of holy reuerence, who I cannot learne.

North. Oh belike it is the bishop of Carleil.

Bull. Noble Lords,

Go to the rude ribbes of that ancient Castle,
Through brazen trumpet send the breath of parlee
Into his ruinde eares, and thus deliuer.

H.Bull. on both his knees doth kisse king Richards hand,
And sends allegiance and true faith of heart

To his most royall person: hither come
Euen at his feete to lay my armes and power:

Provided, that my banishment repeald,

And lands restored againe be freely granted;

If not, Ile vse the aduantage of my power,

And lay the summers dust with showres of bloud,

Rainde from the wounds of slaughtered English men,

The which, how farre off from the minde of Bulling.

It is, such crimson tempest should bedrench

The fresh greene lap of faire King Richards land:

My stooping duety tenderly shall shew:

Go signifie as much while here we march

Vpon the grasie carpet of this plaine;

Lets march without the noyse of threatning drumme,

That from this Castels tottered battlements

Our faire appointments may be well perufde.

Me thinkes King Richard and my selfe should meete

With no lesse terrour than the elements

Of fire and water, when their thundring shocke

At meeting teares the cloudie cheekes of heauen.

Be he the fire, Ile be the yeelding water;

The rage be his, whilst on the earth I raigne.

My

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My water's on the earth, and not on him.
March on, and marke King Richard how he lookes.

The trumpets sound, Richard appeareth on the walls.

Bull. See see King Richard doth himselfe appeare,
As doth the blushing discontented Sunne,
From out the fierie portall of the East,
When he perceiues the enuious cloudes are bent
To dimme his glorie, and to staine the tracke
Of his bright passage to the Occident.

Torke Yet lookes he like a King, beholde his eye,
As bright as is the Eagles, lightens forth
Controlling maiestie; alacke alacke for woe,
That any harme should staine so faire a shew.

King We are amaze'd, and thus long haue we stoo'de,
To watch the feareful bending of thy knee,
Because we thought our selfe thy lawful King:
And if wee be, howe dare thy ioynts forget
To pay their awfull duety to our presence?
If we be not, shew vs the hand of God
That hath dismiss'd vs from our Stewardship,
For well we know no hand of bloud and bone
Can gripe the sacred handle of our Scepter,
Vnlesse he do prophane, steale, or vsurpe,
And though you thinke that all as you haue done
Haue torne their soules, by turning them from vs,
And we are barren and bereft of friends:
Yet know, my maister God omnipotent,
Is mustering in his cloudes on our behalfe,
Armies of pestilence, and they shall strike
Your children yet vnborne, and vnbegot,
That lift your vassaile hands against my head,
And threat the glorie of my precious crowne.
Tell Bullingbrooke, for yon me thinkes he standes,
That euery stride he makes vpon my land,
Is dangerous treason: he is come to open
The purple testament of bleeding warre:

But

King Richard the second.

But ere the crowne he lookes for, liue in peace,
 Ten thousand bloody crownes of mothers sonnes,
 Shall ill become the flower of Englands face,
 Change the complexion of her maid-pale peace,
 To scarlet indignation and bedew
 Her pastors grassse with faithfull English blood.

North. The King of heauen forbid: our Lo: the king
 Should so with ciuill and vnciuill armes,
 be rusht vpon. Thy thrise noble Cosen,
 Harry Bullingbrooke doth humbly kisse thy hand,
 And by the honorable tombe he sweares,
 That stands vpon your roiali grandsires bones,
 And by the roialties of both your bloods,
 Currents that spring from one most gracious head,
 And by the buried hand of warlike Gaunt
 And by the worth and honor of him selfe,
 Comprising all that may be sworne or said,
 His comming hither hath no further scope,
 Then for his lineall roialties, and to beg
 Infranchisement immediate on his knees,
 Which on thy roiall partie granted once,
 His glittering armes he will commend to rust,
 His barbed steeds to stables, and his hart
 To faithfull seruice of your Maiesty.
 This sweares he, as he is princeesse iust,
 And as I am a gentleman I credit him.

King Northumberland, say thus, the King returns.
 His noble Cosen is right welcome hither,
 And all the number of his faire demands,
 Shall be accomplit without contradiction,
 With all the gracious vtterance thou hast,
 Speake to his gentle hearing kind commends.

King We do debase our selues, Cosen do we not,
 To looke so poorely, and to speake so faire?
 Shall we call backe Northumberland and send
 Defiance to the traitor and so die?

Aum. No good my Lo: lets fight with gentle words,

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Till time lend friends, and friends their helpfull swords.

King Oh God oh God that ere this tong of mine

That laid the sentence of dread banishment

On yon prowde man should take it off againe

With words of sooth! Oh that I were as great

As is my griefe, or lesser than my name!

Or that I could forget what I haue beene!

Or not remember what I must be now!

Swellst thou (prowd heart) Ile giue thee scope to beate,

Since foes haue scope to beate both thee and me.

Aum. Northumberland comes backe from Bullingbrooke

King What must the King do now? must he submit?

The King shall do it: must he be deposde?

The king shall be contented: must he loose

The name of King? a Gods name let it go:

Ile giue my iewels for a set of Beades:

My gorgeous pallace for a hermitage:

My gay apparel for an almesmans gowne:

My figurde goblets for a dish of wood:

My scepter for a Palmers walking staffe:

My subiects for a paire of carued Saintes,

And my large kingdome for a little graue,

A little little graue, an obscure graue,

Or Ile be buried in the Kings hic way,

Some way of common trade, where subiects feete

May hourelly trample on their soueraignes head;

For on my heart they treade now whilst I liue:

And buried once, why not vpon my head?

Aumerle thou weepst (my tender-hearted coosin)

Weele make fowle weather with despised teares;

Our sighs and they shall lodge the summer corne,

And make a dearth in this reuolting land:

Or shall we play the wantons with our woes,

And make some prety match with sheading teares,

As thus to drop them still vpon one place,

Till they haue fretted vs a paire of graues

Within the earth, and therein laid; there lies

King Richard the second.

Two kinsmen digd their graues with weeping eies?
Would not this ill do well? well well I see,
I talke but idly, and you laugh at me.

Most mightie Prince my Lord Northumberland,
What saies king Bullingbroke, will his maiestie
Giue Richard leaue to liue till Richard dye,
You make a leg and Bullingbroke saies I,

North. My Lord, in the base court he doth attend,
To speake with you, may it please you to come downe.

King. Downe, downe I come, like glistring Phaeton:
Wanting the manage of vnruilie Iades.

In the base court, base court where Kinges growe base,
To come at traitors calls, and do them grace,
In the base court come downe: downe court, downe King,
For nightowles shreeke where mounting larkes should sing.

Bull. What saies his maiestie?

North. Sorrowe and greife of hart,
Makes him speake fondly like a frantike man,
Yet he is come,

Bull. Stand all apart,
And shew faire dutie to his Maiestie: *(he kneeles downe.*
My gracious Lord.

King. faire coosen, you debase your princely knee,
To make the base earth proud with kissing it;
Me rather had my hart might feele your loue,
Then my vnpleased eie see your curtesie:
Vp coosen vp, your hart is vp I knowe,
Thus high at least, although your knee be lowe.

Bull. My gracious Lord, I come but for mine owne.
King. Your owne is yours, and I am yours and all.

Bull. So farre be mine my most redoubted Lord.
As my true seruice shall deserue your loue.

King. Well you deserue: they well deserue to haue,
That know the stroughest and surest way to get,
Vncle giue me your handes, nay drie your eies,
Teares shew their loue, but want their remedies.
Coosen I am to yong to be your Father,

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Though you are old enough to be my heire,
 What you will haue, Ile giue, and willing to,
 For doe we must, what force will haue vs doe:
 Set on towards London, Cosen is it so?

Bul. Yea my good Lord:

King. Then I must not say no.

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Enter the Queene with her attendants

Quee. What sport shall we deuise here in this garden,
 To driue away the heauy thought of care?

Lady Madame weele play at bowles.

Quee. Twil make me thinke the world is full of rubs,
 And that my fortune runs against the bias,

Lady Madame weele daunce.

Quee. My legs can keepe no measure in delight,
 When my poore hart no measure keepes in griefes
 Therfore no dauncing girdle, some other sport,

Lady Madame weele tell tales.

Quee. Of sorrow or of griefe.

Lady Of either Madame.

Quee. Of neither girdle:

For if of ioy, being altogether wanting,
 It doth remember me the more of sorrow:

Or if of griefe, being altogether had,

It adds more sorrow to my want of ioy:

For what I haue I need not to repeate,

And what I want it bootes not to complaine.

Lady Madame Ile sing.

Quee. Tis well that thou hast cause,
 But thou shouldst please me better, wouldst thou weepe.

Lady I could weepe: Madame would it doe you good?

Quee. And I could sing would weeping doe me good,
 And neuer borrow any teare of thee.

Enter Gardeners.

But stay, here come the gardeners,
 Lets step into the shadow of these trees,
 My wretchednes vnto a row of pines,

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King Richard the Jecond.

They will talke of state for euery one doth so,
Against a change woe is fore-runne with woe.

Gard. Gobind thou vp yong dangling Aphricokes,

Which like vnruely children make their fire,
Stoope with oppresion of their prodigall weight.

Giue some supportance to the bending twigs,

Go thou, and like an executioner

Cut off the heads of two fast growing spraires,

That looke too loftie in our common-wealth,

All must be euen in our gouernement.

You thus employed, I will goe roote away

The noysome weedes which without profit sucke

The soiles fertilitie from wholsome flowers.

Man. Why should we in the compas of a pale,

Keepe law and forme, and due proportion,

Shewing as in a modle our firme estate,

When our sea-walled garden the whole land

Is full of weedes, her fairest flowers choakt vp,

Her fruit trees all vnprunde, her hedges ruinde,

Her knots disorderd and her holsome hearbs

Swarming with caterpillers.

Gard. Hold thy peace,

He that hath suffered this disorderd spring,

Hath now himselfe met with the fall of lease:

The weedes which his broad spreading leaues did shelter,

That seemde in eating him to hold him vp,

Are pluckt vp roote and all by Bullingbrooke,

I meane the Earle of Wiltshire, Bushie, Greene,

Man. What are they dead?

Gard. They are.

And Bullingbrooke hath ceasde the wastefull king,

Oh what pitie is it that he had not so trimde.

And drest his land as we this garden at time of yeare

Do wound the barker, the skinne of our fruit trees,

Lest being ouer prowd in sap and bloud,

With too much riches it confound it selfe

Had he done so to great and growing men,

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They might haue liude to beare, and he to taste
 Their fruits of duety : superfluous branches
 We loppe away, that bearing boughes may liue:
 Had he done so, himselfe had borne the crowne.
 Which waste of idle houres hath quite throwne downe,

Man. What, thinke you the King shall be deposd?

Gard. Deprest he is already, and deposde
 Tis doubt he will be, Letters came last night
 To a deare friend of the good Duke of Yorkes,
 That tell blacke tidings.

Queene Oh I am prest to death through want of speaking
 Thou old Adams likenesse set to dresse this garden,
 How dares thy harsh rude tong sound this vnpleasing news?
 What Eue? what serpent hath suggested thee
 To make a second fall of cursed man?

Why dost thou say king Richard is deposd?
 Darst thou thou little better thing than earth
 Diuine his downefall? say, where, when, and how,
 Canst thou by this ill tidings speake thou wretch?

Gard. Pardon me Madam, little ioy haue I
 To breathe this newes, yet what I say is true:
 King Richard he is in the mightie hold
 Of Bullingbrooke : their fortunes both are weyde
 In your Lo. scale is nothing but himselfe,
 And some few vanities that make him light:
 But in the ballance of great Bullingbrooke,
 Besides himselfe are all the English peeres,
 And with that oddes he weighs King Richard downe ;
 Post you to London and you will find it so,
 I speake no more than euery one doth know.

Queene Nimble Mischance that arte so light of foote,
 Doth not thy embassage belong to me,
 And am I last that knowes it? Oh thou thinkest
 To serue me last that I may longest keepe
 Thy sorrow in my breast : come Ladies go
 To meete at London Londons king in wo:
 What, was I borne to this that my sad looke

Should

King Richard the second.

Should grace the triumph of great Bullingbrooke?

Gardner for telling me these newes of wo,

Pray God the plants thou graftst may neuer grow. *Exit*

Gard. Poore Queene, so that thy state might be no worse,

I would my Skill were subiect to thy curse:

Here did she fall a teare, here in this place

He set a banke of Rew sowe hearb of grace,

Rew euen for ruth heere shortly shall be seene,

In the remembrance of a weeping Queene. *Exeunt.*

Enter Bullingbrooke with the Lords to parliament.

Bull. Call forth Bagot.

Enter Bagot.

Now Bagot, freely speake thy mind,

What thou doest know of noble Gloucesters death,

Who wrought it with the King, and who performde

The bloody office of his timeles end.

Bagot Then set before my face the Lord Aumerle.

Bull. Cousin, stand foorth, and looke vpon that man.

Bagot My Lord Aumerle, I know your daring tong

Scornes to vn say what once it hath deliuered.

In that dead time when Glocesters death was plotted

I heard you say, Is not my arme of length,

That reacheth from the restful English court,

As farre as Callice to mine vncles head?

Amongst much other talke that very time

I heard you say, that you had rather refuse

The offer of an hundred thousand crownes,

Then Bullingbrookes returne to England, adding withall,

How blest this land would be in this your cosins death.

Aum. Princes and noble Lords,

What answer shall I make to this base man?

Shall I so much dishonour my faire starres

On equall termes to giue them chastisement?

Either I must, or haue mine honour soild

With the attainer of his slanderous lippes.

There is my gage, the manual seale of death,

That

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That markes thee out for hell, I say thou liest,
And wil maintaine what thou hast said is false
In thy heart bloud, though being all too base
To staine the temper of my knightly sword.

Bull. Bagot, forbear, thou shalt not take it vp.

Aum. Excepting one, I would he were the best
In all this presence that hath moude me so.

Fitz. If that thy valure stand on simpathie,
There is my gage Aumerle, in gage to thine;
By that faire Sunne which shews me where thou standst,
I heard thee say, and vauntingly thou spakst it,
That thou wert cause of noble Gloucesters death,
If thou deniest it twenty times, thou liest,
And I will turne thy falshood to thy heart,
Where it was forged with my rapiers point.

Aum. Thou darst not (coward) liue to see that day.

Fitz. Now by my soule, I would it were this houre.

Aum. Fitzwaters, thou art damnd to hell for this.

L. Per. Aumerle, thou liest, his honour is as true
In this appeale as thou art all vniust,
And that thou art so, there I throwe my gage,
To prooue it on thee to the extreamest point
Of mortall breathing, ceaze it if thou darst.

Aum. And if I do not, may my hands rot off,
And neuer brandish more reuengefull steele
Ouer the glittering helmet of my foe.

Another L. I taske the earth to the like (forsworne Aumerle)

And spurre thee on with full as many lies
As it may be hollowed in thy treacherous eare
From sinne to sinne; there is my honors pawne
Ingage it to the triall if thou darest.

Aum. Who sets me else? by heauen Ile throwe at all,
I haue a thousand spirites in one breast,
To answer twenty thousand such as you.

Sur. My lord Fitzwater, I do remember well
The very time (Aumerle) and you did talke.

Fitz. Tis very true you were in presence then,

And

King Richard the second.

And you can witnes with me this is true.

64 *Sur.* As false, by heauen, as heauen it selfe is true.

Fitz. Surrie thou liest. (sword,

Sur. Dishonorable boy, that lie shall lie so heauie on my 65, 66

68 That it shall render vengeance and reuenge,
Till thou the lie-giuer, and that lie do lie,
In earth as quiet as thy fathers scull. 68

In prooffe whereof there is my honours pawne,
Ingage it to the triall if thou darst. †

72 *Fitz.* How fondly doest thou spurre a forward horse! 72

If I dare eate, or drinke, or breathe, or liue,
I dare meet Surry in a wildernes,
And spit vpon him whilst I say, he lies,
And lies, and lies: there is bond of faith, 76 †

To tie thee to my strong correction:

As I intende to thriue in this new world,
Aumerle is guiltie of my true appeale.

80 Besides I heard the banished Norffolke say, 80

That thou Aumerle didst send two of thy men,
To execute the noble Duke at Callice.

Aum. Some honest Christian trust me with a gage,
That Norffolke lies, heere do I throwe downe this, 84

If he may be repeald to trie his honour.

Bull. These differences shall all rest vnder gage,
Till Norffolke be repeald, repeald he shall be, 88

83 And though mine enimie, restord againe 88

To all his landes and signiories: when he is returnd,

Against Aumerle we will inforce his triall. †

Carl. That honourable day shall neuer be scene. †

92 Manie a time hath banisht Norffolke fought, 92

For Iesu Christ in glorious Christian feild,

Streaming the ensigne of the Christian Crosse,

Against blacke Pagans, Turkes, and Saracens,

95 And toild with workes of warre, retir'd him selfe 95

To Italie, and there at Venice gaue

His bodie to that pleasant Countries earth,

And his pure soule vnto his Captaine Christ,

100 Vnder whose coulours he had fought so long. 100

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Bull. Why B. is Norffolke dead?

Carl. As surely as I liue my Lord.

Bull. Sweet peace conduct his sweete soule to the bosome,
Of good olde Abraham: Lords Appellants,
Your differences shall all rest vnder gage,
Till we asigne you to your daies of triall. *Enter Yorke*

Yorke Great Duke of Lancaster I come to thee,
From plumc-pluckt Richard, who with willing soule,
Adopts the heire, and his high scepter yeeldes,
To the possession of thy royall hand:
Ascend his throne, descending now from him,
And long liue Henry fourth of that name.

Bull. In Gods name Ile ascend the regall throne.

Car. Mary God forbid.

Worst in this royall presence may I speake.
Yet best beseeming me to speake the truth,
Would God that any in this noble presence,
Were enough noble to be vpright iudge
Of noble Richard. Then true noblesse would
Learne him forbearance from so foule a wrong,
What subiect can giue sentence on his King:
And who sits here that is not Richards subiect?
Theeues are not iudgd but they are by to heare,
Although apparant guilt be secne in them,
And shall the figure of Gods Maiesty,
His Captaine, steward, deputy, elect,
Annoynted, crowned, planted, many yeares
Be iudgd by subiect and inferiour breath,
And he himselfe not present? Oh forfend it God,
That in a Christian climate soules refinde,
Should shew so heinous blacke obscene a deed
I speake to subiects and a subiect speakes,
Sturd vp by God thus boldly for his King,
My Lord of Hereford here whom you call King,
Isa foule traitour to proud Herefords King,
And if you crowne him let me prophesie,
The bloud of English shall manure the ground,
And future ages groane for this foule act,

Peace

King Richard the second.

Peace shall go sleepe with turkes and infidels,
 And in this seate of peace, tumultuous warres,
 Shall kin with kin, and kinde with kind confound:
 Disorder, horror, feare, and mutiny,
 Shall heere inhabit, and this land be cald,
 The field of Golgotha and dead mens sculs,
 Oh if yon raise this house against this house,
 It will the wofullest diuision proue,
 That euer fell vpon this cursed earth:
 Preuent it, resist it, let it not be so,
 Lest child, childs children, crie against you wo.

North. Well haue you argued sir, and for your paines,
 Of Capitall treason, we arrest you heere:
 My Lord of Westminster, be it your charge,
 To keepe him safely till his day of triall.

Bull. Let it be so, and loe on wednesday next,
 We solemnly proclaime our Coronation,
 Lords be ready all. *Exeunt.*

Manent West. Caleil, Aumerle.

Abbot. A wofull Pageant haue we heere beheld.

Car. The woe's to come, the children yet vnborne,
 Shall feele this day as sharpe to them as thorne.

Aum. You holy Clergy men, is there no plot,
 To ridde the realme of this pernicious blot?

Abbot. My Lo. before I freely speake my mind heerein,
 You shall not onely take the Sacrament,
 To burie mine intents, but also to effect,
 What euer I shall happen to deuise:
 I see your browes are full of discontent,
 Your harts of sorrow, and your eies of teares:
 Come home with me to supper, Ile lay a plot,
 Shall shew vs all a merrie daie. *Exeunt.*

Enter the Queene with her attendants.

Quee. This way the King will come, this is the way,
 To Iulius Casars ill erected Tower,
 To wohse flint bosome, my condemned Lord,
 Is doomde a prisoner by proud Bullingbrooke,

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Heere

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Heere let vs rest, if this rebellious earth,
 Haue any resting for her true Kings Queene. (*Enter Ric.*

But soft, but see, or rather doe not see,
 My faire Rose wither, yet looke vp, behold,

That you in pittie may dissolue to deaw,
 And wash him fresh againe with true loue teares.

Ah thou the modle where olde Troy did stand!

Thou mappe of honour, thou King Richards tombe,

And not King Richard: thou most beauteous Inne,

Why should hard fauourd greife be lodged in thee,

When triumph is become an alehouse guest?

Rich. Ioyne not with greife faire woman, doe not so,

To make my end too sudden, learne good soule,

To thinke our former state a happie dreame,

From which awakt the trueth of what we are

Shewes vs but this: I am sworne brother (*sweet*)

To grim necessitie, and he and I,

Will keepe a league till death. Hie thee to Fraunce,

And cloister thee in some religious house,

Our holy liues must win a new worlds crowne,

VVhich our prophane houres heere haue throwne downe.

Quee. what is my Richard both in shape and minde

Transformd and weakned? hath Bullingbrooke,

Deposde thine intellect? hath he been in thy hart?

The Lyon dying thrusteth forth his pawe,

And woundes the earth if nothing else with rage,

To be ore-powr'd, and wilt thou pupill-like

Take the correction, mildly kisse the rod,

And fawne on Rage with base humilitie,

VVhich art a Lion and the king of beasts.

King. a King of beasts indeed, if aught but beasts,

I had been still a happie King of men.

Good (*sometimes Queene*) prepare thee hence for France,

Thinke I am dead, and that euen here thou takest

As from my death bed thy last liuing leaue;

In winters tedious nights sit by the fire,

with good old folkes, and let them tell the tales,

Of woefull ages long agoe betidde:

And

King Richard the secona.

And ere thou bid good night to quite their griefes,

Tellthou the lamentable tale of me,

And send the hearers weeping to their beds:

For why, the senslesse brands will simpathize

The heauy accent of thy moouing tong,

And in compafsion weepe the fire out,

And some wil mourne in ashes, some cole blacke,

For the depofing of a rightfull King. *Enter Northum.*

North. My Lord, the minde of Bullingbrooke is changde,

You must to Pomfret, not vnto the Tower.

And Madam, there is order tane for you,

With al swift speede you must away to France.

King Northumberland, thou ladder wherewithall

The mounting Bullingbrooke ascends my throne,

The time shall not be many houres of age

More than it is, ere foule sinne gathering head

Shall breake into corruption, thou shalt thinke,

Though he diuide the realme and giue thee halfe,

It is too little helping him to all.

He shall thinke that thou which knowest the way

To plant vnrightfull kings, wilt know againe,

Being nere so little vrgde another way,

To plucke him headlong from the vsurped throne:

The loue of wicked men conuerts to feare,

That feare to hate, and hate turnes one or both

To worthy daunger and deserued death.

North. My guilt be on my head, and there an end:

Take leaue and part, for you must part forthwith.

King Doubly diuorst (bad men) you violate

A two-fold marriage twixt my crowne and me.

And then betwixt me and my married wife.

Let me vnkisse the oathe twixt thee and me:

And yet not so, for with a kisse twasmade.

Part vs Northumberland, I towards the north,

Where shiuering cold and sicknesse pines the clime:

My wife to Fraunce, from whence set forth in pomp

She came adorned hither like sweete Maie,

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Sent backe like Hollowmas or shortst of day.

Queene And must we be diuided? must we part?

King I hand from hand(my loue) and heart from heart.

Queene Banish vs both, and send the King with me.

King That were some loue, but little pollicie.

Queene Then whither he goes, thither let me go.

King So two together weeping make one woe,

Weepe thou for me in Fraunce, I for thee heere,

Better far off than neere be nere the neere,

Go count thy way with sighes, I mine with groanes.

Queene So longest way shall haue the longest moanes.

King Twise for one step Ile grone the way being short

And peece the way out with a heauy heart.

Come come in wooing sorrow lets be brieft.

Since wedding it, there is such length in grieft;

One kisse shall stop our mouths, and dumbly part.

Thus giue I mine, and thus take I thy heart.

Queene Giue me mine owne againe, twere no good part

To take on me to keepe, and kill thy heart:

So now I haue mine owne againe, be gone,

That I may striue to kill it with a groane.

King We make woe wanton with this fond delay,

Once more adue, the rest let sorrow say. *Exeunt.*

Enter Duke of Yorke and the Dutchesse.

Du. My Lord, you told me you would tell the rest,

When weeping made you breake the storie of

Of our two cousins comming into London.

Yorke Where did I leaue?

Du. At that sad stop my Lord,

Where rude misgouerned hands from windowes tops,

Threw dust and rubbish on king Richards head.

Yorke Then (as I said) the Duke great Bullingbrooke

Mounted vpon a hote and fierie steede,

Which his aspiring rider seemd to know,

With slow, but stately pace kept on his course,

Whilst all tongues cried, God saue the Bullingbrooke,

You would haue thought the very windows spake:

So many greedy lookes of yong and old *Through*

King Richard the second.

Through casements darted their desiring eies
 Vpon his visage, and that all the walles
 With painted imagery had said at once,
 Iesu preserue the welcome Bullingbrooke,
 Whilst he from the one side to the other turning
 Bare-headed, lower than his prowd steedes necke
 Bespake them thus; I thanke you countrymen:
 And thus still doing, thus he pass't along.

Du. Alac poore Richard, where rode he the whilst?

Torke As in a Theater the eies of men,
 After a well-graced Actor leaues the stage,
 Are ydly bent on him that enters next,
 Thinking his prattle to be tedious;
 Euen so, or with much more contempt mens eies
 Did scowle on gentle Ric. no man cried, God saue him,
 No ioyfull tongue gaue him his welcome home,
 But dust wasthrowen vpon his sacred head:
 Which with such gentle sorrow he shooke off,
 His face still combating with teares and smiles,
 The badges of his griefe and patience,
 That had not God for some strong purpose steeld
 The hearts of men, they must perforce haue melted,
 And Barbarisme it selfe haue pittied him:
 But heauen hath a hand in these euent,
 To whose high will we bound our calme contents.
 To Bullingbrooke are we sworne subiects now,
 Whose state and honour I for ay allow.

Du. Here comes my sonne Aumerle.

Torke Aumerle that was,
 But that is lost, for being Richards friend:
 And Madam, you must call him Rutland now:
 I am in parleament pledge for his truth
 And lasting fealtie to the new made king.

Du. Welcome my sonne, who are the violets now
 That strew the greene lap of the new come spring.

M. Madam, I know not, nor I greatly care not,
 God knowes I had as leife be none as one.

Torke

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Yorke Well, beare you wel in this new spring of time,
 Left you be cropt before you come to prime.
 What newes from Oxford, do these iusts & triumphs hold?

Aum. For aught I know (my Lord) they do.

Yorke you will be there I know.

Aum. If God preuent not, I purpose so.

Yorke What seale is that that hangs without thy bosome?
 yea, lookst thou pale? let me see the writing,

Aum. My Lord, tis nothing.

Yorke No matter then who see it,
 I will be satisfied, let me see the writing.

Aum. I do beseech your grace to pardon me;
 It is a matter of small consequence,

Which for some reasons I would not haue seene.

Yorke Which for some reasons fir I meane to see.
 I feare I feare.

Du. What should you feare?

Tis nothing but some band that he is entred into
 For gay apparell gainst the triumph day.

Yorke Bound to himsele; what doth he with a bond
 That he is bound to. Wife, thou art a foole:
 Boy, let me see the writing.

Aum. I do beseech you pardon me, I may not shew it.

Yorke I will be satisfied, let me see it I say:

He pluckes it out of his bosome and reades it.

Yorke Treason, foule treason, villaine, traitor, slaue.

Du. What is the matter my lord?

Yorke Ho, who is within there? saddle my horse,
 God for his mercy! what treachery is here?

Du. Why what is it my Lord?

Yorke Giue me my bootes. I say, saddle my horse.
 Now by mine honour, by my life, by my troth
 I will appeach the villaine.

Du. What is the matter?

Yorke Peace foolish woman.

Du. I wil not peace, what is the matter Aumerle?

Au. Good mother be content, it is no more

Then

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Then my poore life must answere.

Du. Thy life answere?

yor. Bring me my bootes, I will vntothe King.

His man enters with his bootes.

Du. Strike him Aumerle, poore boy thou art amazd,
Hence vilaine neuer more come in my fight.

Tor. Giue me my bootes I say.

Du. Why Yorke what wilt thou doe?
Wilt thou not hide the trespasse of thine owne?
Haue we more sons? or are we like to haue?

Is not my teeming date drunke vp with time?
And wilt thou plucke my faire sonne from mine age?
And rob me of a happie mothers name,
Is he not like the? is he not thine owne?

Tor. Thou fond mad woman,
Wilt thou conceale this darke conspiracie?
A doozen of them here haue tane the sacrament,
And interchaungeably set downe there hands,
To kill the king at Oxford,

Du. He shal be none, wee keepe him heere,
Then what is that to him?

Tor. Away fond woman, were he twentie times my sonne,
I would appeach him.

Du. Hadst thou groand for him as I haue done,
Thou wouldst bee more pittifull.

But nowe I knowe rhy minde, thou doest suspect
That I haue been disloiall to thy bed,
And that he is a bastard, not thy sonne:
Sweete Yorke, sweete husband, be not of that mind,
He is as like thee as a man may be,
Not like to me, or any of my kinne,
And yet I loue him.

Tor. Make way vnruile woman. *Exit.*

Du. After Aumerle: mount thee vpon his horse,
Spur, post, and get before him to the King,
And beg thy pardon ere he do accuse thee,
He not be long behind, though I be old,

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I doubt not but to ride as fast as Yorke,
An neuer will I rise vp from the ground,
Till Bullingbroke haue pardoned thee: away, be gone.

Enter the King with his nobles.

King H. Can no man tell me of my vnthrifstie sonne?
Tis full three moneths since I did see him last,
If any plague hang ouer vs tis he:
I would to God my Lordes he might be found:
Inquire at London, mongst the Tauernes there,
For there (they say) he daylie doth frequent,
With vnrestrained loose companions,
Euen such (they say) as stand in narrow lanes,
And beate our watch, and rob our passengers,
Which he yong wanton and effeminate boy,
Takes on the point of honour to support so dissolute a crew.

H. Percie My Lord, some two dayes since I saw the prince,
And told him of those triumphes helde at Oxford,

King. And what said the gallant?

Per. His answer was, he would vnto the stews,
And from the commonst creature plucke a gloue,
And weare it as a fauour, and with that,
He would vnhorse the lustiest Challenger.

King H. As dissolute as desperat, yet through both,
I see some sparkes of better hope, which elder yeares,
May happily bring forth. But who comes heere?

Enter Aumerle amazed.

Aum. Where is the King? (so wildly.

King H. What meanes our cosen, that he stares and looks

Aum. God saue your grace, I doe beseech your Maiestie,
To haue some conference with your grace alone.

King. Withdraw your selues, and leaue vs here alone.
What is the matter with our cosen nowe?

Aum. For euer may my knees growe to the earth,
My tongue, cleaue to my rooffe within my mouth,
Vnlesse a pardon ere I rise or speake.

King Intended, or committed, was this fault?
If on the first, how heynous ere it be

To

King Richard the second.

To win thy after loue, I pardon thee.

Aum. Then giue me leaue that May turne the key,
That no man enter till my tale be done.

King. Haue thy desire.

The Duke of Yorke knokes at the doore and crieth.

Yor. My leige beware, looke to thy selfe,
Thou hast a Traitor in thy presence there.

King. Vilain Ile make thee safe, (feare

Aum. Stay thy reuengefull hand, thou hast no cause to

Yor. Open the dore, secure foole, hardie King,
Shall I for loue speake treason to thy face,
Open the dore, or I will breake it open.

King. What is the matter vncke, speake, recouer breath,
Tell vs, how neare is daunger,

That wee may arme vs to encounter it?

Yor. Peruse this writtng heere, and thou shalt know,
The treason that my haste forbids me shew.

Aum. remember as thou readst, thy promise past,
I do repent me, reade not my name there,
My hart is not confederate with my hand.

Yor. It was (vilaine) ere thy hand did set it downe.
I tore it from the traitors bosome (King,)
Feare, and not loue, begets his penitence:
Forget to pittie him, lest thy pittie proue,
A Serpent that will sting thee to the hart.

King. O hey nous, strong, and bould conspiracy;
O loyall Father, of a treacherous Sonne,
Thou sheere immaculate and siluer Fountaine,
From whence this streame, through muddy passages,
Hath held his current, and defild himselfe,
Thy ouerflow of good, conuerts to bad:
And thy abundant goodnes, shall excuse,
This deadly blot in thy digressing sonne.

Yor. So shall my vertue, be his vices baude,
An he shall spend mine honour, with his shame,
As thriftles sonnes, their scraping Fathers gold:
Mine honour liues when his dishonour dies.

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Or my shamde life in his dishonour lies,
 Thou kilst me in his life giuing him breath,
 The traitor liues, the true man's put to death.

Du. What ho, my Liege, for Gods sake let me in.

King H. What shril voice suppliant makes this eger crie?

Du. A woman, and thy aunt (great king) tis I,
 Speake with me, pitie me, open the doore,
 A beggar begs that neuer begd before.

King Our scene is altdred from a serious thing,
 And now changde to the Beggar and the King:
 My dangerous coufin, let your mother in,
 I know she is come to pray for your foule sinne.

Yorke If thou do pardon whosoever pray,
 More sinnes for this forgiuenes prosper may:
 This festred ioynt cut off, the rest rest sound,
 This let alone wil all the rest confound.

Du. Oh king, belecue not this hard-hearted man,
 Loue louing not it selfe, none other can.

Yorke Thou frantike woman, what dost thou make here?
 Shall thy old dugs once more a traitor reare?

Du. Sweete Yorke be patient, heare me gentle Liege.

King H. Rise vp good aunt.

Du. Not yet I thee beseech,

For euer wil I walke vpon my knees,
 And neuer see day that the happy sees,
 Till thou giue ioy, vntil thou bid me ioy,
 By pardoning Rutland my transgressing boy.

Aum. Vnto my mothers prayers I bend my knee.

yorke Against them both my true ioynts bended be,
 Ill maiest thou thiue if thou graunt any grace.

Du. Pleades he in earnest? looke vpon his face.

His eies do drop no teares, his prayers are in iest,
 His words come from his mouth, ours from our breast,
 He prayes but faintly, and would be denied,
 We pray with heart and soule, and all beside,
 His weary ioynts would gladly rise I know,
 Our knees still kneele till to the ground they grow,

His

King Richard the second.

His prayers are full of false hypocrisie,
 Ours of true zeale and deepe integritie,
 Our prayers do outpray his, then let them haue
 That mercy which true prayer ought to haue.

yorke Good aunt stand vp.

Du. Nay, do not say, stand vp;

Say Pardon first and afterwards, stand vp,
 And if I were thy nurse thy tong to teach,
 Pardon should be the first word of thy speech:
 I neuer longd to heare a word till now,

Say pardon King, let pitie teach thee how,
 The word is short, but not so short as sweete,
 No word like pardon for Kings mouthes so meete.

yorke Speake it in French, King say, Pardonne moy.

Du. Dost thou teach pardon pardon to destroy?

Ah my sower husband, my hard-hearted Lord!

That sets the word it selfe against the word:

Speake pardon as tis currant in our land,

The chopping French we do not vnderstand,

Thine eie begins to speake, set thy tongue there:

Or in thy piteous heart plant thou thine eare,

That hearing how our plaints and prayers do pierce,

Pitie may moue thee pardon, to rehearse.

King H. Good aunt stand vp.

Du. I do not sue to stand.

Pardon is all the sute I haue in hand.

King I pardon him as God shall pardon me.

Du. Oh happy vantage of a kneeling knee,

Yet am I sicke for feare, speake it againe,

Twice saying pardon doth not pardon twaine,

But makes one pardon strong.

King H. I pardon him with al my heart.

Du. A god on earth thou art.

King H. But for our trusty brother in law and the Abbot,

With all the rest of that consorted crew,

Destruccion strait shal dog them at the heeles,

Good vncl, help to order seuerall powers,

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To Oxford, or where ere these traitors are,
They shall not liue within this world I sweare,
But I will haue them if I once know where.

Vncle farewell, and cousin adue,
Your mother well hath prayed, and prooue you true.

Du. Come my olde sonne, I pray God make thee new.

Exeunt. Manet sir Pierce Exton, &c.

Exton Didst thou not marke the K. what words he spake?
Haue I no friend will rid me of this liuing feare?
Was it not so?

Man These were his very words.

Exton Haue I no friend quoth he? he spake it twice.
And vrgde it twice together, did he not?

Man He did.

Exton And speaking it, he wishtly lookt on me,
As who should say, I would thou wert the man,
That would diuorce this terrour from my heart,
Meaning the king at Pomfret. Come lets go,
I am the kings friend, and will rid his foe.

Enter Richard alone

Rich. I haue beene studying how I may compare
This prison where I liue, vnto the world :

And forbecause the world is populous,

And here is not a creature but my selfe,

I cannot do it: yet Ile hammer it out,

My braine Ile prooue, the female to my soule,

My soule the father, and these two beget

A generation of still-breeding thoughts:

And these same thoughts people this little world,

In humors like the people of this world:

For no thought is contented: the better sort,

As thoughts of things diuine are intermixt

With scruples, and do set the word it selfe

Against the word, as thus: Come little ones, & then againe

It is as hard to come, as for a Cammell

To threed the posterne of a small needles eie:

Thoughts tending to ambition they do plot,

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King Richard the second.

Vnlikely wonders: how these vaine weake nailes
 May teare a passage thorow the flinty ribs
 Of this hard world my ragged prison walles:
 And for they cannot die in their owne pride,
 Thoughts tending to content flatter themselues,
 That they are not the first of fortunes slaues,
 Nor shall not be the last like seely beggars,
 Who sitting in the stockes refuge their shame,
 That many haue, and others must set there.
 And in this thought they find a kind of ease,
 Bearing their owne misfortunes on the backe
 Of such as haue before indurde the like.
 Thus play I in one person many people,
 And none contented; sometimes am I King,
 Then treasons make me wish my selfe a beggar,
 And so I am: then crushing penurie
 Perswades me I was better when a king,
 Then am I kingd againe, and by and by,
 Thinke that I am vnkingd by Bullingbrooke,
 And strait am nothing. But what ere I be,
 Nor I, nor any man, that but man is.
 With nothing shall be pleasde, till he be easde,
 With being nothing. Musicke do I heare, *the musike plaies*
 Ha ha keepe time, how sowre sweete Musicke is
 When time is broke, and no proportion kept,
 So is it in the musike of mens liues:
 And here haue I the daintinesse of eare
 To checke time broke in a disordered string:
 But for the concord of my state and time,
 Had not an eare to heare my true time broke,
 I wasted time, and now doth time waste me:
 For now hath time made me his numbring clocke;
 My thoughts are minutes, and with sighes they iarre,
 Their watches on vnto mine eyes the outward watch
 Whereto my finger like a dialles poynt,
 Is pointing still, in cleansing them from teares.
 Now sir, the sound that telles what houre it is,

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*56 Are clamorous groanes which strike vpon my hart,
 Which is the bell, so sighs, and teares, and grones,
 † Shew minutes, times, and houres: but my time,
 †60 Runnes posting on in Bullingbrokes proud ioye,
 While I stand fooling heere his iacke of the clocke.
 This musicke maddes me, let it sound no more,
 For though it haue holp mad men to their wits,
 † In me it seemes it will make wise men mad:
 64 Yet blessing on his hart that giues it me,
 For tis asigne of loue: and loue to Richard,
 Is a strange brooch in this al-hating world.

Enter a grooms of the stable.

67 { *Groome.* Haile roiall Prince. } 66

† *Rich.* Thankes noble peare:

68 The cheapest of vs is ten grotes too deare.

† What art thou, and how comest thou hither,

† Where no man neuer comes, but that sad dog,

That brings me foode to make misfortune liue.

72 *Groome.* I was a poore grooms of thy stable King,

When thou wert King: who trauailling towards Yorke,

With much adoe (at length) haue gotten leaue,

To looke vpon my sometimes roiall maisters face:

†76 Oh how it ernd my hart when I beheld,

In London streetes, that Corronation day,

When Bullingbroke rode on Roane Barbarie,

† That horse, that thou so often hast bestride,

80 That horse, that I so carefully haue drest.

Rich. Rode he on Barbarie: tell me gentle freind,

How went he vnder him?

† *Groom.* So proudly as if he disdained the ground.

84 *Rich.* So proud that Bullingbroke was on his backe:

That Iade hath eate bread from my royall hand,

This hand hath made him proud with clapping him:

Would he not stumble, would he not fall downe

88 Since pride must haue a fall; and breake the necke,

† Of that prond man, that did vsurpe his backe?

Forgiuenes horse why do I raile on thee?

Since

King Richard the second.

Since thou created to be awed by man,
Wast borne to beare ; I was not made a horse,
And yet I beare a burthen like an asse,
Spurde, galld, and tirde by iauncing Bullingbrooke.

Enter one to Richard with meate.

Keeper Fellow, giue place, heere is no longer stay.

Rich. If thou loue me, tis time thou wert away.

Groome What my tong dares not, that my heart shal say.

Exit Groome.

Keeper My Lord, wilt please you to fall to?

Rich. Taste of it first as thou art wont to do.

Keeper My Lord I dare not, sir Pierce of Exton,
Who lately came from the King commaunds the contrary.

Rich. The diuell take Henry of Lancaster, and thee,
Patience is stale, and I am wearie of it.

Keeper Help, help, help.

The murderers rush in.

Rich. How now, what meanes Death in this rude assault?
Villaine, thy owne hand yeelds thy deaths instrument.
Go thou and fill another roome in hell.

Here Exton strikes him downe.

Rich. That hand shall burne in neuer quenching fire,
That staggers thus my person : Exton, thy fierce hand
Hath with the kings blood staine the kings owne land.
Mount mount my soule, thy seate is vp on high,
Whilst my grosse flesh sinckes downward here to die,

Exton As full of valure as of royall blood:
Both haue I spilld, Oh would the deede were good !
For now the diuell that told me I did well,
Saies that this deede is chronicled in hell:
This dead king to the liuing king Ile beare.
Take hence the rest, and giue them buriall heere.

Enter Bullingbrooke with the duke of Yorke.

King Kind vncle Yorke, the latest newes we heare,
Is that the rebels haue consumed with fire

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Our towne of Ciceter in Gloucestershire,
But whether they be tane or slaine we heare not.

Enter Northumberland.

Welcome my Lord, what is the newes?

North. First to thy sacred state with I all happinesse,
The next newes is, I haue to London sent
The heades of Oxford, Salisbury, Blunt and Kent,
The maner of their taking may appeare
At large discoursed in this paper heere.

King We thanke thee gentle Percie for thy paines,
And to thy woorth will adde right worthy gaines.

Enter Lord Fitzwaters.

Fitz. My Lord, I haue from Oxford sent to London
The heads of Broccas, and sir Benet Seely,
Two of the daungerous consorted traitors,
That fought at Oxford thy dire ouerthrow.

king. Thy paines Fitz. shall nor be forgot,
Right noble is thy merit well I wot.

Enter H. Percie.

Percie The grand conspirator Abbot of Westminster
With clog of conscience and sowre melancholy
Hath yeilded vp his body to the graue.
But here is Carleil liuing, to abide
Thy kingly doome, and sentence of his pride.

king. Carleil, this is your doome;
Chooße out some secret place, some reuerent roome
More than thou hast, and with it ioy thy life:
So as thou liu'st in peace, die free from strife,
For though mine enemy thou hast euer beene,
High sparkes of honour in thee haue I seene.

Enter Exton with the coffin.

Exton Great King, within this coffin I present
Thy buried seare: herein all breathlesse lies
The mightiest of thy greatest enemies,
Richard of Burdeaux, by me hither brought.

king Exton, I thanke thee not, for thou hast wrought

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King Richard the second.

A deed of slaunder with thy fatall hand,
Vpon my head and all this famous Land.

Exton. From your owne mouth my Lo. did I this deed.

King. They loue not poison that do poison neede,
Nor do I thee; though I did wish him dead,
I hate the murtherer, loue him murdered:

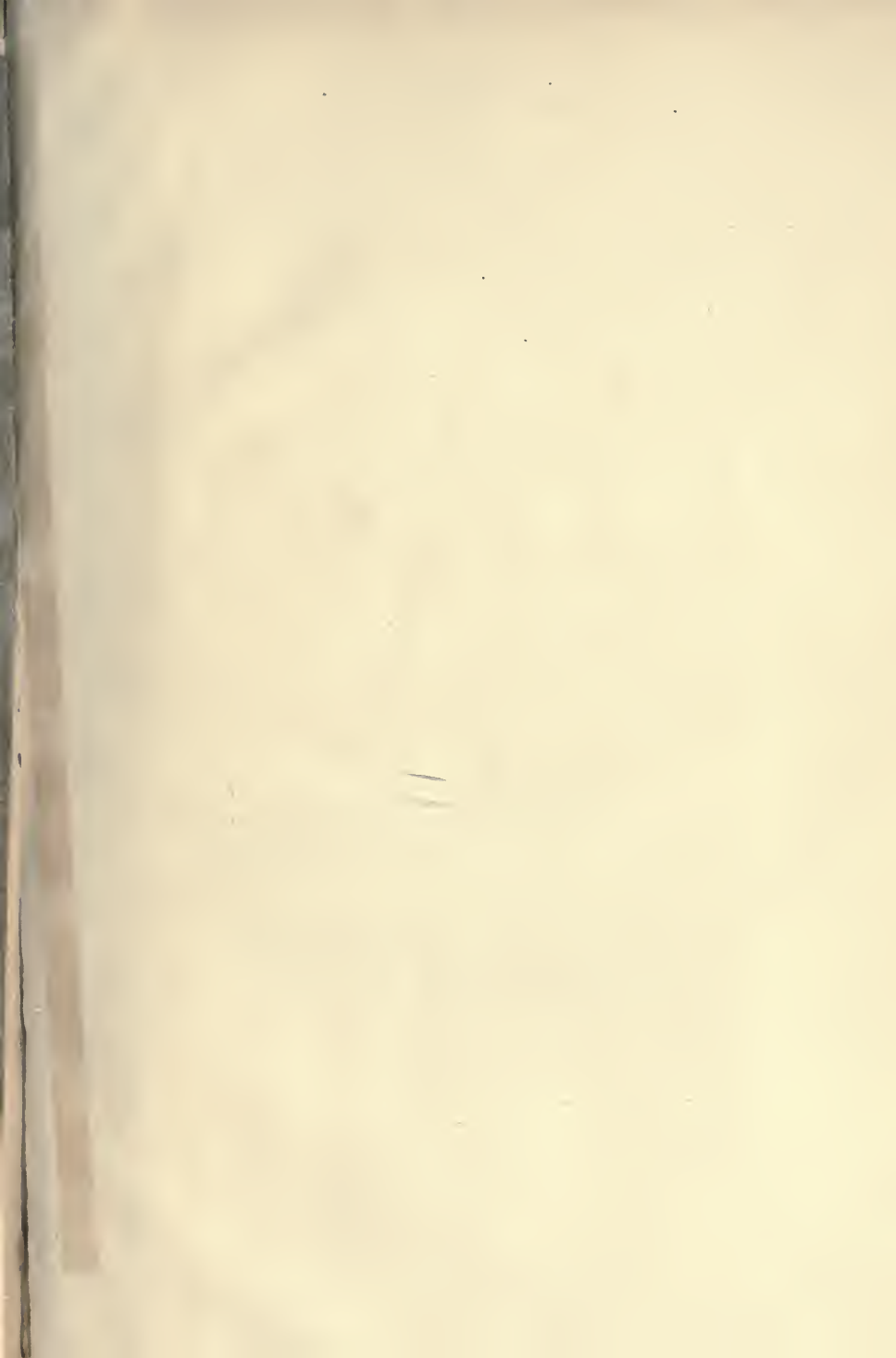
The guilt of conscience take thou for thy labor,
But neither my good word, nor Princely fauour;
With Cayne go wander through shades of night
And neuer shew thy head by day nor light.

Lordes, I protest my soule is full of wo,
That bloud should sprinkle me to make me grow:
Come mourne with me, for what I do lament,

And put on sulleyn blacke incontinent,
Ile make a voiage to the holly lande,
To wash this bloud off from my guiltie hand:
March sadly after, grace my mournings heere,
In weeping after this vntimely Beere.

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